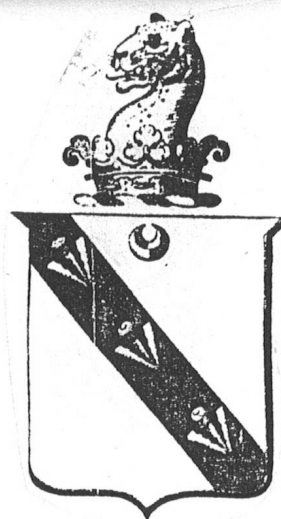


# Among Cousins

## The Bland Family Newsletter



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Dear Cousins,

Last August, cousin Neil Bland from Lumberport West Virginia wrote me a most encouraging letter, advising me to work at genealogy "on your own schedule and let the devil take the hindmost." Cousin Neil didn't know it at the time, but the devil already had the hindmost and was working on the frontmost!!!

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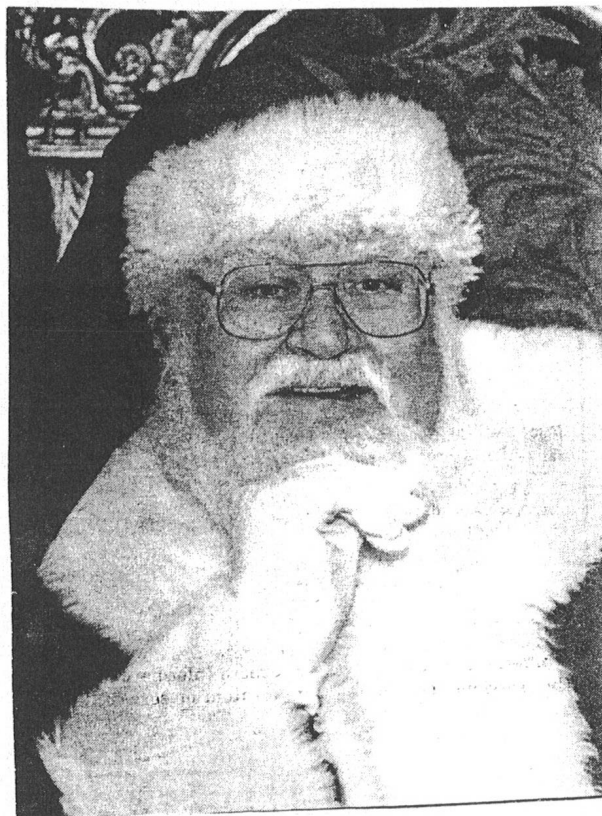
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But I'm back. This issue has been long in coming. While writing this, I came across a letter from a new subscriber who plainly was despairing that I would ever write anything more. I pray that those of you who have waited silently and patiently for its release will not be disappointed. This is Volume 13, which bears the date it was originally intended, 1995. It combines into one big issue the essence of all the research that has accumulated during the past fifteen years about two of the principal family groups in our genealogy: the Blands of Nelson and Washington Counties Kentucky. I also discuss information from new correspondents, which brings interesting information to light especially about the stem families from Randolph County North Carolina and Edgefield County South Carolina. I believe this issue will be immensely rewarding to those whose roots are in these families, and will shed light (some of it new) on the history of the Bland family even for those who are not.

Last July, I wrote to those cousins who are supporters of my effort to rewrite the history of the Bland family. This, in essence is a brief summary of what I told them. 1995 was not easy for me. I lost the part time teaching job at Medaille College in Buffalo that since 1989, had sustained my ability to maintain child support obligations and a separate residence for myself. Keeping my body and soul together in the intervening year has been difficult and stressful. In Fall 1995 I began working part time job teaching one course through Genesee Community College in Batavia New York, took in a boarder and also played Santa Clause during the Christmas season. I enjoyed being Santa. It was very rewarding personally. My friend Botumroath (see below) talked me into playing Santa at a Christmas charity for the homeless in 1994, and to my surprise I enjoyed it immensely. I did the charity again in 1995, plus several others, but also took a night job as a mall Santa. Anyone who really loves kids would love being Santa. The photo below came out nicely, but some other photos clearly show the strain and weariness on my face, which didn't look much like Jolly Old Saint Nick.

Santa Clause, 1995



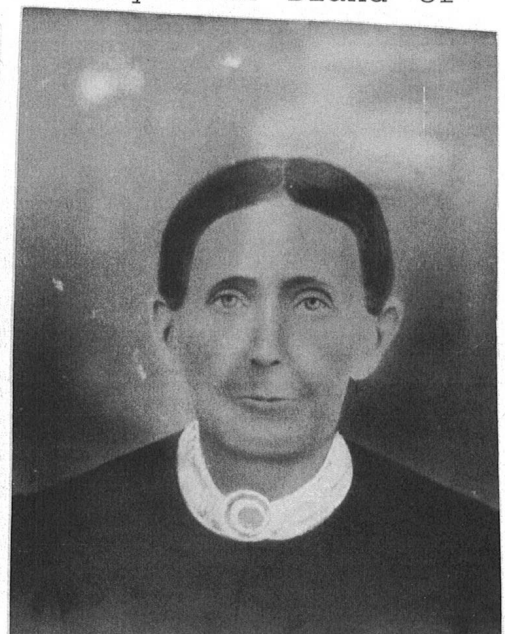
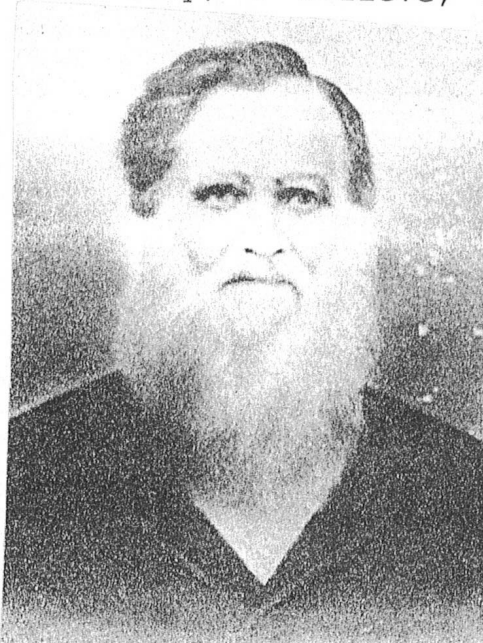


At the end of 1995, the teaching job ran out, Santa went back to the North Pole and I was physically a wreck. In the intervening months, however, I have adjusted and begun to come back. I vowed to make do with less, made peace in a few places and ways where it was necessary, and still had my son Tom, and my friend, daughter, sister and niece all rolled up into one, Botumroath Keo Lebun (see pp. 4-5) to care for me. And you of course. I can't tell you how many times correspondence from the genealogical cousins has raised my spirits, shown me what a wonderful family of cousins I have and in some cases, how luck I am, even to be alive. And lo, just to show how God rewards the wicked of the earth, the Dean from Genesee College called me in early February and offered me a teaching job, to replace a fellow who didn't work out. Not only that, but I've been offered another teaching job for the Fall. I have also received from the New York Council for the Humanities, a mini-grant to teach the Vietnam War as Therapy for 25 traumatised Vietnam War Veterans and their families during Summer 1996. So I survived, in short, and though it took awhile, I'm clicking again. But enough of this narcissistic meandering. All of us have our problems and I know yours are as difficult as mine. I only wanted to share this with you because you paid dues for this document and I wanted to give some explanation why it was so late.

Here is Volume 13 of **Among Cousins: The Bland Family Newsletter**.

The Eleventh National Bland Family Reunion The National Bland Reunion in 1995 was combined with the Annual Reunion of the Rocky Branch Arkansas Chapter of the Bland family at Rogers Arkansas, on September 1-3, 1995. Unofficially, I counted 156 Blands and Bland descendants in attendance, from thirteen states. The weather was grand and the hosts were wonderful. The family we celebrated in 1995, was that of John Williamson Petross Bland, (1817-1903) and Malinda Jane Porterfield (1824-1900), founders of the Rocky Branch Family (See VU, pp. 548-552 and AC 12-2, pp. 21-22). Photos of John and Malinda are displayed below, in honor of the Rocky Branch Arkansas Chapter (courtesy, I believe, of Betty Jean Bland of Rogers Arkansas.

For the entire Bland family, I am grateful and appreciative to Richard A. Bland and the organizing committee. It was a wonderful job.



The 1996 National Reunion Continuing the tradition of an annual National Bland Reunion, we will meet in Orange Texas, east of Beaumont and Port Arthur and near the Gulf of Mexico, August 9-11, 1996. Contacts for the Reunion are Henry Bland and Joann Bland Gabriel, who are actually part of an organizing committee. I have long dreamed of holding the National reunion at just this spot for it is populated by the descendants of Peyton Bland (1780-1815) and his wife Elizabeth Smith (C1794-1856) and their three children John Bland (1811-1886), Caroline Bland (1813-1888) and Peyton Bland, (1815-1872), who in turn descended from Robert Bland (1732-1787) who migrated from Northern Virginia into Edgefield County South Carolina in the early 1780s. As it happens, I descend, somehow, from another branch of the same family. For those of you who don't descend from this branch, please remember that this is a National Bland reunion and all, everyone, who are Blands, descend from Blands through allied families or are friends of the family, you are welcome (You can come even if you aren't friendly, just check your guns in at the door).

Tom, Botumroath and I are looking forward to seeing you in Texas in August. The organizing committee will send out invitations about mid-May. Start planning to be there now.

Botumroath At the Rocky Branch Reunion, I introduced Botumroath Keo Lebung and asked that she be accepted as an honorary Bland. I don't think there was a dissenting voice. I met Botumroath in the Fall of 1993 and since then we have become fast friends, across a gap of culture and generation that in many circumstances that would defy logic. Botumroath is one of the special children of God in this century. She survived the hellish Cambodian Killing Fields of 1975-1979, in which about one fourth to one third of the population perished in one of the worst instances of genocide in our violent century. Joan Baez once sung a poem called "China" and what she sung about Tianamen Square 1989 is also true of Botumroath's people, "Time may never tell, how many of them fell, like the petals of a rose in some satanic shower."

Botumroath was an infant when the Cambodian revolution began. Her father disappeared and has never been seen again, presumed dead. Botumroath's courageous mother Nyrola kept Botumroath and her brother out of death's grip in a land where a leader was heard to say "To keep you is no gain, to destroy you is no loss," and people were compared to grains of rice, insignificant in themselves. Nyrola brought her children out of this dreadful place through the refugee camps in Thailand to the Bronx, New York City, in 1981. Botumroath went to public schools and by her own efforts and the help of people who loved her, gained admission to State University of New York at Buffalo, where she met me.

Botumroath lights up any room by her presence. She has cared for me, she stops by my office frequently just to see how I'm doing. She makes me laugh when I feel down and blue. She's also a great sister and friend-advisor to my son Tom. The Bland family is lucky to have her as a new cousin.



Cousins Joan and David Bland, Botumroath  
and your humble narrator

### Kudos

First, I want to thank our very special cousin, Francis Bland of Paragould Arkansas, who has taken an active role in applying pressure to authorities in Virginia, particularly Richard Bland College about maintenance of the Richard Bland grave site at Jordan's Point, Virginia (See AC 12-1, pp. 3-4). This issue was raised at the 1993 Reunion by Bob Bland, Deland Florida. Fran has pursued the matter since then. Fran also got a vote of support for intervention when we met in Arkansas as a national reunion last August. Richard Bland (1710-1776) of the James River Bland family, was known as a revolutionary patriot and perhaps more important, mentor to Thomas Jefferson who surely in his life transmitted Richard Bland's values into the mainstream of our body politic. Jefferson would be horrified to know what a state of disrepair his teacher's grave had fallen into. Bless you Cousin Fran.

From the Paris Texas News, December 4, 1994, comes word that Vincent Bland, won recognition as the founder of an American Indian Heritage Festival in Austin. I received from Hazel Kirtley (my last correspondence from her) an article from the Sarasota Herald Tribune, Florida, November 6, 1994, about Tracy Bland, 33, a former Navy man, who has developed a firm called Secure Access which specializes in custom designed high-tech communication and security devices. I have received several advertisements that Thomas H.

Bland, who with his brother William co-sponsored the 1990 Reunion in Virginia, has begun work with ERA Elite Group Realtors in Fairfax Virginia.

Leota Bland Ruder wrote to me from Concordia Kansas that she can still put on a shindig when she wants to, even at age 83. She congregated a big group of her sisters and their relatives to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of "POW Camp Concordia", I think in September 1995. Leota descends from James O.D. Bland and his wife Mary Gentry, (Ac 11-1, pp. 22-24).

Genealogical Publications of Interest Phyllis Hurley, Seymour Indiana, (see subscriber index) wrote to me to inform me of two books she has recently published: <sup>1</sup>

Hurley, Dupont and Rockdale Cemetery (1993) 88 pp. \$12. contains "all tombstone inscriptions relating to family."

Hurley, The Way We Were (1995) 96 pages, \$21. plus shipping and handling \$2. for one book, \$3. for two. It contains fifty Octogenarians as written in 1884-1886, Jennings County Indiana Newspapers. It has some anniversaries and contains 82 obituaries of older folks."

### Transition

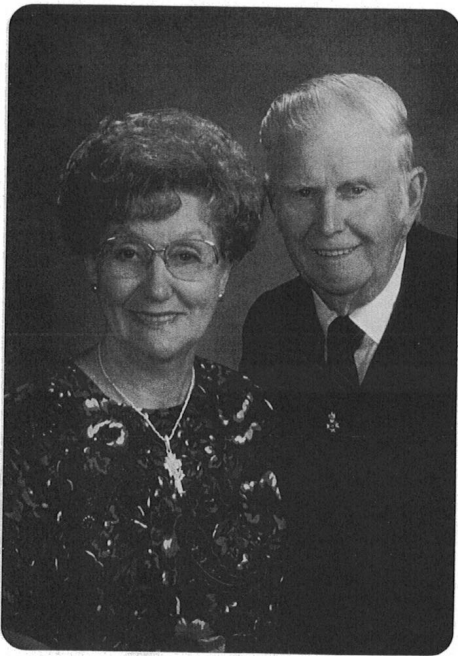
Welcome to this old world to Elizabeth Marie and Rebecca Jane Mullenax, twin daughters born to Darold and Gayle Mullenax of Cave Spring Georgia, born October 1, 1994. In the same family, Wesley Dale Simmons, son of Kevin and Rose Simmons, was born on October 6, 1994. These new Bland cousins trace their heritage through allied families back to Enoch Bland and Jessie Waybright of the Pendleton County Virginia, West Virginia Family. Also, Bradley Jacobs Bland was born to Wade and Delores Bland of Mount Crawford Virginia. Wade also traces his family tree to Enoch Bland, who was the son of Thomas Bland (C1740-1826), by his second wife, Rachel Shoulders (AC 12-1, pp. 42-49) Thanks to Edith Lanning.

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<sup>1</sup> Phyllis Hurley, June 5, 1995. I want to explain to my cousin Francis Bland from some little town in Arkansas, what "octogenarian" means. It means somebody in their 80s Fran, which means these folk could have been around at the near founding of Indiana and might have had a lot to say to us about the history of the Blands in the state. You know old Fran went to school in Arkansas and when he suggested to his school teacher that the school needed a chandelier, she washed out his mouth with soap for talking dirty and told him if the school needed anything it was a new light fixture.



It isn't old news yet. I have a charming photo which I am happy to display here, of Elmer and Doris Bland of Dreamwood, Fairfield Illinois, who were married forty years on May 8, 1993. Cousins Bob and Alta Pettey Bland, Vandalia Missouri, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 28, 1995. I learned from Neta Bird Davis, Broken Arrow Oklahoma, that her daughter would be married March 25, 1995. Edith Lanning sent an announcement from The Ocala Star Banner, Florida, that Travis Bland and Cathleen Caganelli were married on May 7, 1995. My most sincere congratulations go to David and Lois Taylor, from Shelbyville Indiana, who renewed their vows at a 25th wedding anniversary on July 29, 1995.



Doris and Elmer Bland



Bob and Alta Bland  
(1945/1995)

My thanks to Curly Moore of Hopewell Virginia for sending me an obituary for William Croxton Bland, age 46, from West Point Virginia, who died on October 2, 1993. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Tyler Bland of West Point. Edith Lanning sent me a notice of the death of Elaine R. Bland, Ocala Florida, age 50, on September 21, 1994. Elaine was survived by her husband George H.

Bland and sons Brian R. Bland and Eric B. Bland. Thanks to Curly Moore for the notice that Harold A. Bland, age 66, of Richmond Virginia, died on November 25, 1994.

My correspondent Hazel Moody Kirtley, Sarasota Florida, passed away on January 19, 1995. Hazel attended Ball State University and married William Kirtley. William and Hazel were married for thirty five years. Hazel went into Real Estate and was very successful at her work. According to her daughter, Hazel was a very outspoken person, who brought a lot of happiness to those who knew and loved her.<sup>2</sup> I might add that her contributions to what we know about the Bland Family was significant. She was an active researcher on the Randolph County North Carolina Family, particularly into the family of Noah Bland, (1814-1897), below pp 81-83. I regret that Hazel did not live to see these new developments and the photograph of Noah and his wife Elizabeth Marshall Franklin.

I was saddened to hear from Edith Lanning, Dunnellon Florida, that her mother had died October 25, 1995. I was very sorry to hear that Eloise Stoudenmier, Orange Texas, died on December 24, 1995 and that her cousin Robert Kibbe, Bridge City Texas, died suddenly on December 31, 1995. Eloise was a strong supporter and faithful correspondent and had worked hard with Juanita Peveto Alexander to compile the history of the Bland Family of Orange County Texas. She and I had a delightful correspondence over the years and it is sad that the Reunion was one year late in reaching Orange County. I first met Bob Kibbe's daughter at the 1988 Reunion and he and Mrs. Kibbe at the 1993 and 1995 Reunions.

Lenore Bland Brown wrote to tell me that her husband Earl Davis Brown (1922-1996) died on March 8, 1996. We remember Earl for his sense of humor and for making us laugh, at the Bland reunions. Lenore Bland sent me a news article about a book she compiled of Earl's experiences in the U.S. Navy in World War II. As a seaman Earl served aboard the U.S.S. Ralph Talbot from September 1942 to October 1943, and kept a journal of the ship's experiences. The Talbot was in heavy combat, constantly besieged by Japanese air attacks, during the year. After the war, the Talbot was decommissioned, but not Earl. He came back to Paris Texas, married Lenore Bland on Pearl Harbor Day 1947, and served as Deputy Sheriff for Lamar County for 22 years. In memory of Earl, I am reprinting a photo of him as he was in the War.



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<sup>2</sup> I am grateful to Kathy Kirtley Schmanski for her brief biography of Hazel Kirtley in her letter to me, May 23, 1995.

Coat of Arms Fever If you enjoyed my essay on the Bland Coat of Arms, (AC 12-2, pp. 6-9), you might enjoy the coat of arms that Tom and Huck dreamed up for Jim, when he was in prison, and Jim's doubts that he ever had a coat of arms:

Tom: "Why Huck, s'pose it is considerable trouble? What you going to do? How you going to get around it? Jim's got to do his inscription and coat of arms. They all do."

Jim: "Why Mars Tom, I haint got no coat o' arm; I haint got nuffin but dish yer old shirt . . ." Mark Twain The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, section entitled "Here a Captive Heart Busted."

Beatrice Bailey Move Over, Telesharking Etc., There is a new book out called The World Book of Blands, I don't know whether there is also a new book out by the same producer called the world book of Aardvark's and Zuzzy's, but the brochure I received, which includes the information that "there are now over 10,175 households bearing the Bland name worldwide, appeals to our modernist sense, by revealing that a "sophisticated computer search," sifted through 170 million records to come up with these names. Isn't it great how computers can save us from the musty old parchments of court houses? The ad also includes a photo of a wholesome family, presumably named Bland, looking at the book, all enjoying it immensely. The price is \$31.38, including shipping and handling, about what it would take for this mythical family of four to eat at Macdonalds and go to a movie. Not bad. I'd be interested in knowing the format of this book if anyone buys it. Not me though.

Perhaps you know from past articles I've written, that the Buffalo area has somehow become a kind of center of telesharking that preys on the elderly. The New York Attorney General has clamped down hard on these business and there have been some show case trials but I'm convinced that if a nuclear holocaust engulfs the earth, up from the ashes will come grass hoppers, crab grass, Bland Family Histories consisting of alphabetized zip codes between two covers, and telesharks. Caveat Emptor.

#### THE BLAND FAMILIES OF WASHINGTON AND NELSON COUNTIES KENTUCKY

These two major families received a lot of coverage in A Vision of Unity (pp. 417-483) and since 1982, have incrementally found life, though never in a holistic way that would bring together in continuous narrative the enormous body of information that subsequent research has yielded. In the pages below, I wish to remedy that by revisiting the first four generations of Kentuckians who descended from John Bland (C1742-1807) of Washington County Kentucky and John Bland, (C1725-1795) of Nelson County Kentucky. In reviewing this material it is evident to me that there are correspondents with whom I haven't had a chance to communicate in years. Some of them have died. Others who are doing on-going research may have had opportunities to reprise their work.

I would be glad to hear from anyone about the state of your thinking on your particular line, including the way it may have been solidified or changed by what I have written below. In reviewing this work it is amazing to me how many wrong paths we have traversed. Its good to remember that the lives of these ancestors were not totally defined by Bible, Tombstone and Court Records, and even if it were, we are looking at very fragmentary information. We are like someone with 27 pieces of a 1000 piece jig saw puzzle, who find that only a few of the pieces in our hand fit together. <sup>3</sup>

Samuel Pottinger wrote a letter to Clara Beauchamp in 1906 in which he discussed the first settlers in Kentucky:

James Harrod made a clearing and put up the fort . . . 1/2 mile North of Gesthame, Nelson County Kentucky, in 1781. One of his sisters accompanied the surveying party to the creek, coming over the "Wilderness Road" on one of the pack horses. The remainder of the garrison, Crafts, Millers, Blands etc.) all came down together from the upper waters of the Ohio in a flat boat, and when it was safe, all took charge of their lands and erected the usual log cabins for dwellings. <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> This was paraphrased from an article about the search for the Historical Jesus, Time April 8, 1996, p. 57.

<sup>4</sup> Samuel Pottinger to Clara Beauchamp, March 4, 1906, quoted in VU, pp. 427-428. In the following reprisal, I have drawn from several collections as well as individual correspondences from many cousins. First, I doubt if I could have made sense of Kentucky save for the priceless visit I paid in August 1985 to John W. Bland, Elizabethtown Kentucky, who took me to the State Historical Library at Frankfort and the Filson Club at Louisville, as well as showing me the geographic terrain of the Kentucky settlements in Hardin, Nelson and Washington Counties. As always, the analysis of the 1850 Census done for me in 1987-1988 by Joyce Bland McCool, Arma Kansas, has proven an invaluable tool. In 1986, the late Anne Hall, Roswell New Mexico, sent me a collection of documents and letters between primarily, Curtis Bland of Vincennes Indiana and a woman named Marie Menaugh, Harrodsburg Kentucky, from 1940-1944. They included also some correspondence between Marie Menaugh and the late Jessamine Bland James and her mother. These were primarily Dr. Bland's early explorations into his genealogical work on the Bland Family. They are referred to hereafter as Bland-Menaugh. Dr. Bland, it is said, was at work on a massive history of the Bland family, but most of his work was destroyed in a fire. In 1950, Dr. Bland filed his History and Genealogy of the Bland Family with the Frances Vigo Chapter of the DAR at Vincennes Indiana. Hereafter in notes, this document is referred to as Curtis Bland. Jessamine James, Tucson Arizona, compiled a set of documents that she labeled



Pottinger's colorful description neatly summarizes the early migratory experience of Americans who were either fleeing from the carnage of the American Revolution or collecting promised bounty land they had earned while fighting. Between 1776 and 1783 a groundswell of migrants from the coastal states began pouring in to the hinterlands of the new American territories and among these early generations, the most prominent settlers were in Kentucky. It is clear that various members of the Bland family made their way into Kentucky along with these migrants, who would likely have included their neighbors in Virginia. Settlers also came from North and South Carolina. There appear to have been four principle areas of original settlement, involving descendants of the three sons of James Bland, (1661-1709) the immigrant from England:

1. William Bland (C1686-1744), of St. Mary's County Maryland, Stafford and Prince William County Virginia. William's son Thomas died in 1788 in Fauquier County Virginia, but one of Thomas'

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Bland Family Court and Bible Records, which have been invaluable to historical researchers, hereafter referred to as James. Jane Midtby, Denver Colorado also compiled a history of the Washington County Kentucky family, which she sent to me, and her work is incorporated here. In addition, I have profited immensely from the contributions of the late Lela Adams, Bassett Virginia; Jane Dyer Arnold, Franklin Kentucky; Doris Ashton, Chatam Illinois; Louise Bill, Fitzwater New Hampshire; Darlene Bland, Aurora Oregon; David Bland, Independence Missouri; Greg Bland, Carlsbad New Mexico; Mrs. James W. Bland, Harrodsburg Kentucky; Laverne Bland, Edgerton Missouri; Ruby Blann, Lawrence Kansas; The late Virginia Bland Cowden, Bloomfield Indiana; Virginia R. Cox, Tulsa Oklahoma; Donna Crowe, Muncie Indiana; The late Marian Daniels, San Benito Texas; Jean Engle, Sperry Oklahoma; Ruth Webb French, Ferndale Michigan; Donna Gleave, Annabella Utah; Phyllis Goff, Redwood City California; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grandstaff, Columbia Missouri; Loretta Heyen, Bloomington Indiana; Sherrill Rae Hoefer, Craig Colorado; Nellabeth Ingalsbe, Phoenix Arizona; Pam Jones, Bloomington Indiana; Pearl King, Denver Colorado; Edith Lanning, Dannelon Florida, (Edith, it seems I never adequately tell you how much); Mary Virginia Manby, Louisville Kentucky; Juanita Max, Plantation Florida; Bereniece Mumford; Merritt Page, Green City Missouri; Helen Pearson, Sacramento California; Kelley Romeo, Olympia Washington; Peggy Rush, Minnetonka Minnesota; Deanna Shouse, El Dorado Springs Missouri; Richard Smith, Spearfish South Dakota; Lawrence R. Thomas, Louisville Kentucky; Betty Turpin; Verna Uebelacker, Spokane Washington; Marshall Van Metre, Tullahoma Tennessee; Jenifer Van Stevern, Knoxville Tennessee; Jeanna Zahm, Hallowell Kansas; Finally, Richard Parks Bland II, grandson of that Washington County pioneer and presidential aspirant, Richard Parks Bland, (1835-1899). Dick is not much of a writer, but is a spiritual brother and one could not ask for a better friend.

grand daughters traveled to Nelson County Kentucky with John Bland and Margaret Osborne, while an older daughter of Thomas, Elizabeth Bland Stone, traveled to Nelson County Kentucky with her husband. A younger son of Thomas, James Bland (1780-1829), moved into nearby Hardin County about 1800.

William's younger son John Bland (C1725-1795) was a true Kentucky pioneer who about 1780-1781 moved into the part of Kentucky that became Nelson County, with his wife, Margaret Osborne and their children and grandchildren.<sup>5</sup>

The great grandson of William Bland, Micajah (1780-1826) moved from Edgefield County South Carolina to Mason County Kentucky about 1800.

2. James Bland (C1687-1756). James' grandson Charles Bland (1765-1842) followed a neighbor Thomas Pope, to Kentucky and later married his daughter Phyllis and they lived in Garrard County. James' grandson James Bland (C1761-1802) moved into Mason County Kentucky in the 1790s.

3. John Bland (C1688-1762) - Though I did not recognize this at first, had a son John (C1742-1807) who moved out to Washington-Marion County Kentucky at about the same time as John Bland and Margaret Osborne.

### A Genealogy of Kentucky Counties

I have likened this settlement, which spanned from about 1780-1825 as a vortex, absorbing the early generations from Virginia and casting the later generations out into the midwestern and western states of the new nation from 1825-1900. Before going into Bland genealogy, I wish to delineate briefly the formation of Kentucky itself.

As the British colonies on the Atlantic coast of North America began to coalesce into political entities the territory of Kentucky was a wilderness. Kentucky was a child of Virginia, having been annexed as part of Virginia County as early as 1584. Around 1750, Thomas Walker explored the eastern part of the territory, which was annexed to Fincastle County in 1772. In 1775, Colonel Richard Henderson of North Carolina formed the Transylvania Company which encompassed Western Kentucky between the Kentucky and Cumberland Rivers. Daniel Boone explored eastern Kentucky in the 1750s and moved his family there from North Carolina in 1773. The first settlements were Harrodsburg and Booneboro in 1774 and 1775.

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<sup>5</sup> Richard Smith, Spearfish South Dakota, to Charles L. Bland, March 9, 1995, states that there was a "John Brand" who was "no doubt Bland" in Harrodsburg in 1777, as quoted from Collins History of Kentucky. Hereafter Richard's letter is referred to as Smith.

Boone's explorations led to the establishment of Kentucky County in 1776. In 1780, Kentucky was formed into three smaller counties Fayette, Jefferson and Lincoln. By 1790, these three counties had been formed into nine including Bourbon, Fayette, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Mason, Mercer, Nelson, Woodford. These were the nine counties existing when Kentucky became a state on June 1, 1792.

Those counties of most interest to the Blands then were Mason along the northern Kentucky-Ohio Territory border, formed from Bourbon County in 1789; Garrard which was formed in 1797 from the division of Madison, Lincoln and Mercer Counties; and Nelson County formed from Jefferson County in 1785. The original Nelson County included the territory that later became Washington County (1792) and Hardin County (1793).<sup>6</sup>

### The Two Johns

When I came out with A Vision of Unity in 1982, my reading of the Kentucky situation was that John Bland (C1725-1795) was the son of John Bland (C1688-1762), who was the third son of the original immigrant James Bland.<sup>7</sup> My first assumption about the head of the Washington County family was that Rachel Bland ( -1799),<sup>8</sup> was married to a person named Roland, for whom their first son was named.<sup>9</sup> This was the most disreputable speculation and reflected my relative lack of information about the Washington County family as opposed to the Nelson County Family, though I was wrong about both Johns.

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<sup>6</sup> The above discussion of county genealogy derives from George B. Everton, Sr. Ed., The Handy Book for Genealogists, (Seventh Ed: Everton Publishers: 1981), pp. 108-109.

<sup>7</sup> Hereafter in notes, A Vision of Unity is referred to as VU while previous number of "Among Cousins" will be referred to as AC with the numerical designation. My original assumptions about parentage of John Bland (1725-1795), are found in VU, pp. 417ff.

<sup>8</sup> To my knowledge, no one has ever come up with a birth date for Rachel, and I have always left it blank. A good guess is that she would be born sometime between 1744-1746, since our best estimate is that Rolly, who is usually considered the oldest child, was born C1763. This, however, would raise a problem for Richard Smith's hypothesis, for it would mean that Rachel stopped child bearing when she was no more than about 23 years old. This is possible of course, but plausible?

<sup>9</sup> VU, pp. 463-467, passim. I now believe that Rolly was a variant of Roland or perhaps Roley, and that Rolly was named in honor of someone important to the family, perhaps his mother's maiden name.

One of the clearest indications of the parentage of John Bland (C1725-1795) was that William Bland (C1686-1744) acquired 312 acres in Prince William County Virginia in 1742. In 1776, John Bland deeded 100 acres of this same land to his son Osborne Bland.<sup>10</sup> Had I simply accepted this rather clear transmission of property from father to son to grandson, I could have saved myself and many correspondents who thought I was otherwise sane and possessed of episodic clarity of mind, from a lot of argument and controversy.

The second blow to my original construction came when I received a letter from Pansy Willburn of Modesto California who found a death certificate for Prudence Watts in Grayson County Kentucky. The document listing her date of death as March 30, 1852, at age 85, stated that Prudence was born in Virginia to John and Rachel Bland.<sup>11</sup> Already we had established that Prudence was a member of the Washington County family and had married George Watt on March 20, 1786. Here then was a profile of a woman whose dates were (C1767-1852) who was clearly the daughter of Rachel Bland who died in 1799, for Rachel had consented to the marriage between Prudence and George Watts. Rachel, so the document said, clearly was married to John Bland.<sup>12</sup> The late Marian Daniels of San Benito Texas, furnished me with some Grayson County Kentucky records showing that Prudence was the daughter of John Bland and the youngest of five children. Marian's information also indicated that John had died in Virginia in 1807.<sup>13</sup> There is another possibility which would, if proven, show that we, I actually, have simply woven a fiction. Mrs. Jessamine Bland James, in her book of documents about the Bland family, states that Rachel was a widow and that when she signed for the marriage of her daughter Rachel to Michael Fagan January 3, 1784, she was identified as a widow. In this case,

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<sup>10</sup> VU, p. 271, N. 2 and p. 418.

<sup>11</sup> Pansy Willburn to Charles L. Bland, June 29, 1983, and AC 2-1, p. 13-15. Jane Midtby, Denver Colorado, provided a note from Kentucky Generations and Biographies, pp. 175-176, "Vincent Davis, B.1811, Spencer County Indiana, M. 22 Nov. 1837, Elizabeth Watts, daughter of George and Prudence Bland Watts. Prudence was the daughter of John Bland, who died April 4, 1807 in Virginia." Other sources show John's date of death as April 22, 1807.

<sup>12</sup> AC 2-1, pp. 13-15. Reinforcement was received from Richard Smith now of Spearfish South Dakota, that Susannah Bland, who married James Arbuckle in 1789, also was a daughter of John and Rachel Bland. John Bland had witnessed Susannah's marriage, AC 2-1, p.23.

<sup>13</sup> ibid. Phyllis Goff, Redwood City California, wrote me in 1987 that John died April 22, 1807. AC 5-2, p. 27.



her husband may well have been named John, but deceased before the family moved to Kentucky, in which case the April 22, 1807 date of death would belong to another John.<sup>14</sup>

The two Johns were sorted out to my satisfaction ultimately by the patient cajolery of Marian Daniels in correspondence with me during 1983-1985. Marian sent me a document from Prince William County Virginia Bond Book for 1753-1782, showing John Bland as the administrator for the estate of John Bland, November 7, 1763. In his estate papers, June 7, 1762, John's wife Patience is listed as executor of his estate, while nephews Edward Gwatkins and Benjamin Bland are listed as Bondsmen.<sup>15</sup> Prince William Virginia County Order Book 1761-1769 in an entry of July 10, 1762, called the two Johns as Junior and Senior. Marian persuaded me that the younger John was not named in the June 7, 1762 document because he was a minor, and that he reached his majority between June 7 and July 10, 1762, thus placing his date of birth as C 1742. Marian further suggested that a man born in 1742 could logically have married about 1762 and then been parents to an older child, Rolly Bland, born about 1763, who was old enough to serve for Virginia during the American Revolution.<sup>16</sup> This information was conclusive that there was a father son relationship; however, between who? The son could have been John Bland (C1725-1795) or the John Bland who died in Virginia in 1807.

While visiting the Filson Club Library at Louisville Kentucky, I came across indirect evidence that finally convinced me which John was which. Briefly, I became convinced that Nancy Bland, daughter of Henry Bland, mentioned in the will of John Bland (1725-1795), was the grand daughter of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788), a strong indirect link between John and Thomas. There was further evidence that Spillsby Stone, who had married Thomas' daughter Elizabeth (who was dead by 1799) had moved to Nelson County Kentucky by about 1800.<sup>17</sup> It was also clear that Thomas' son James

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<sup>14</sup> Jessamine Bland James, Compiler, Bland Family Court and Bible Records p. 53. I have not seen any facsimile or xerox copy of the actual marriage record. Anyone who could provide it might help to resolve this issue.

<sup>15</sup> Marian Daniels to Charles Bland, January 10, March 24 and May 5, 1983. AC 1-2, p. 7 and 2-1, pp. 12-13.

<sup>16</sup> AC 2-1, p. 12, and VU, p. 420; AC 2-2, pp. 12-13.

<sup>17</sup> Spillsby Stone made his will in Nelson County Kentucky, Will Book D. P. 36, February 27, 1813, proved July 20, 1818. He left his estate to sons Coleman and Barnet Stone and children of his deceased son Elijah Stone, and to daughters Nancy Griffin and Elizabeth Ratcliff. The Genealogy of the Stone Family (July 27, 1885) states that most of the descendants of Spillsby Stone, who had eleven children, moved to Nelson County Kentucky. Spillsby's

(1780-1829) and his wife Susannah Starke (1783-1852) had moved to Hardin County Kentucky, split off from Nelson, around 1800. <sup>18</sup> For these reasons, I accepted the classification of the two Johns as:

1. John Bland (C1725-1795), who married Margaret Osborne, the son of William Bland (C1686-1744) of Prince William County Virginia.

2. John Bland (C1742-1807), who married Rachel ( -1799), the son of John Bland (C1788-1862) of Prince William County Virginia. <sup>19</sup>

This volume of **Among Cousins** is given over to a revisitiation of the first four generations of the lines of these two major families. In the analysis I do here, I will adhere to the advice I received from Richard Smith that we should take Prudence Bland Watts seriously when she said that she was the youngest of five children of John and Rachel Bland. <sup>20</sup>

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wife is not identified in these documents but in VU p. 372, it is shown that Spillsby married Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788), who was a brother of John Bland (C1725-1795). How many Spillsby Stones could have been running around Nelson County at this time.

<sup>18</sup> AC 4-1, pp. 13-15.

<sup>19</sup> In AC 2-1, p. 14 is found a claim against a John Bland in Fairfax County, which split off from Prince William and Loudon Counties in 1742. The date of the claim is uncertain but estimated at around 1800 and states that the debtor "went to Kentucky about 20 years ago, then solvent." This could have been either of the Johns. John (1742-1807) had a brother Jesse Bland (1756-1835), a Revolutionary war Veteran who served between 1776-1779. Jesse said that his brother, whose name was not given, had a family bible in his possession when he left Prince William County Virginia, . It is obvious that anyone who could lay hands on that family bible record, would come into possession of a tremendously valuable document that could plausibly unravel a great deal of silence about the Bland family in the early half of the 18th century. Jesse is discussed in AC 4-2, pp. 7-8.

<sup>20</sup> Smith. A handwritten and unpublished family history of the Rachel-John Bland family, found at the Filson Club, Louisville Kentucky in 1985, lists Rachel and John's children as Susannah, Prudence, Charles and Thomas, no Rolly and no Rachel. Richard Smith's premise, which rests on the simple assumption that we take a member of this family literally, shows what insights can be gained by revisiting old evidence. Yet I am persuaded that a good avenue of future research which I hope some of us can do, is to make serious inquiry into the relevant genealogies of some of the

## John Bland (1742-1807) and Rachel Bland

1. John Bland (1742-1807) Very little evidence appears for John Bland in Washington County or its progenitors during the 1780s and 1790s. Rachel Bland's name appears on the Washington County Tax Rolls in 1794, 1795 and 1797. On June 15, 1799, Rachel deeded to her son Charles Bland 125 acres of land on the Rolling Fork River, and her name does not appear again. Children of John and Rachel were: <sup>21</sup>

A. Rolly Bland (C1763 - June 25, 1825) Which may be a variant of "Roland" or "Roley" <sup>22</sup> served in the American Revolution. <sup>23</sup> Rolly made out his will on June 24, 1825. <sup>24</sup> He owned property on Rolling Fork and Carney Creek between 1799-1825. Rolly married at least twice, to (1) Delsey Shekklesworth ( - C1823) on October 2, 1798

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allied family lines. This is an idea that John W. Bland of Elizabethtown Kentucky has pressed for a long time.

<sup>21</sup> James, p. 62. AC 2-1, p. 13. A note in Fairfax County Virginia appears June 7, 1800 about a debt owed to or by John Bland, who "went to Kentucky about 20 years ago." This could refer to either of the John Bands. Similarly, there is a warrant for revolutionary service to John Bland that gives him 1500 acres in Nelson County (or its antecedent Jefferson) in 1780. These properties coincide with a 1780 sale of land in Virginia by John Bland, so may represent a direct purchase rather than a reward for military service. There is, for example, some evidence that John Bland moved west at a time that would suggest he was avoiding military service in the Revolution. AC 2-2, P. 29. AC 4-2, pp. 26-27.

<sup>22</sup> Rolly named a child that was born after he died Thomas Roland Bland.

<sup>23</sup> Bland-Menaugh. Curtis Bland commented that Rolly never received any bounty land in Kentucky. Curtis Bland to Marie Menaugh, March 28, 1940.

<sup>24</sup> VU, p. 466. In History, p. 17, "Will Box, 1815-1825, Springfield Kentucky" as the repository for Rolly's will. This source also contains the 1819 will for Rolly's brother Charles, James, p. 61. The will was settled on December 27, 1830. Curtis Bland notes that settlement of the will included a \$60. debt owed Rolly by his nephews, Staughten Edward Bland and Warrington Bland. Curtis Bland to Marie Menaugh, May 11, 1940.

in Washington County <sup>25</sup>  
 and (2) to Sarah Thomas  
 on October 24 or 30, 1824. <sup>26</sup>  
 His marriage to Sarah was  
 short lived but they did  
 produce one child. In his  
 will of 1825, Rolly left  
 bequests to the following  
 eleven children  
 (see note about Julia #12)  
 born to Delsey Shekklesworth: <sup>27</sup>

B. 1 | Va.

Rolly Bland  
 Sol. Inf.

Appears in a  
**Book \***  
 under the following heading:  
 "A List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Con-  
 tinental Establishment who have received Cer-  
 tificates for the balance of there full pay Agree-  
 able to an Act of Assembly passed November  
 Session 1781."  
 (Revolutionary War.)

By whom Received *Capt. McKee*  
 Day when *Apr 21, 1784*  
 Sum *£20-7-7*

\* This book bears the following certificate: "This Register contains a true abstract of all the certificates issued at the Auditor's Office to Officers & Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental establishment. J. PENDLETON, Auditor.  
 Aud<sup>r</sup> Office, 1 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1792.  
 Teste: J. CARTER."

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*RWBenson*  
 (547) Copyist.

Voucher Proving Rolly Bland's Revolutionary War Service  
 Source: Bland-Menaugh Collection

<sup>25</sup> Bland-Menaugh "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky" p. 22 On the marriage record, Delsey's name is spelled Worth, but her witness is John Shekklesworth, not Shecklesworth. A man named Samuel Bland was Testator, along with Keanellum Murphy. If Delsey is Rolly's first wife, and no one has ever indicated differently, then he was about 35 when he first married. There is the possibility that he was married before he married Delsey Shekklesworth. Also see note below, Samuel Bland who married Jenny Shekklesworth. I have never seen a witness listed. If anyone has the true original copies of these two marriages, it might shed some light on whether Rolly and Samuel were brothers.

<sup>26</sup> Bland-Menaugh "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky," p. 234. The marriage bond was witnessed by Christopher Fogle.

<sup>27</sup> In his will, Rolly provided that his wife should have a slave woman named Retter and that if his wife died, Retter would go to five of his children. This only hints at the human absurdity of slavery. On June 19, 1827, Rolly called in a debt that was owed him by Warrington and Staughton Edward Bland, sons of Rolly's brother Charles. He secured from them a pledge to pay \$60. by July 16, 1827. Bland-Menaugh, package 348.



- (c4b) Elizabeth Bland (August 29, 1875 - October 6, 1956). <sup>108</sup> Elizabeth married Elmer Elsworth on October 14, 1895.
- (c4c) Phidella or Idella Bland (January 26, 1877 ) who married John Wynn on March 5, 1899.
- (c4d) An unnamed Infant (December 22, 1879-1880)
- (c4e) ~~John Talton Bland (January 25, 1880 - October 25, 1957) John was a sewing machine repairman. He married Eulah~~ Gaynell Carlisle (March 11, 1886 - January 9, 1869) on December 2, 1901. John and Eulah are buried at the Franklin Cemetery, Illinois. They had a family of four children. <sup>109</sup>
- (c4f) Peyton E. Bland (November 5, 1882 - February 4, 1918), married Nina Dougherty on April 20 1904. <sup>110</sup>
- (c4g) Wesley Ellsworth Bland (April 3, 1885 - May 6, 1962) married Vida Oxley Mae Diley (June 20, 1889 - November 19 or 25. 1985) on September 16, 1912. <sup>111</sup>
- (c4h) Maga or Maggie Bland (January 24, 1887 - ) married Cleto Spires.
- (c4i) Nelly Bland (1890-1891) <sup>112</sup>
- (c4j&k) Earl and Pearl Bland twins both born and died February 13, 1894 and September 2, 1894.

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<sup>108</sup> Elizabeth was the great grandmother of Jenifer Van Stevern.

<sup>109</sup> John Talton Bland and Eulah Gaynell's children included Wyman Carlisle Bland. grandfather of Kelley Bland Romeo, Olympia Washington. This unnamed infant's birth date poses a problem for the confirmed date of birth for John Talton Bland (c4e). The date for c4d could be 1878 or the date for c4e could be 1881. Kelley Romeo to Charles L. Bland, January 8 and February 8, 1995.

<sup>110</sup> A Nina Bland Lewis (December 5, 1881 - March 30, 1965) is buried next to Peyton at the Franklin Illinois cemetery, giving rise to the suspicion that Susan Dougherty remarried after the death of Peyton. Kelley Romeo to Charles L. Bland, February 8, 1995.

<sup>111</sup> Vida Oxley Bland Lewis (1889-1985) is buried next to Wesley at the Franklin Cemetery, suggesting that after Wesley's demise, Vida may have married a man named Lewis. Kelley Romeo to Charles L. Bland, February 8, 1995.

<sup>112</sup> Nelly is found in the Death Register for Morgan County Illinois with date of death January 12, 1891, having lived eight months and one day. Kelley Romeo to Charles Bland, February 8, 1995.

(c3) Mary E. Bland (July 18, 1854 - )

(c4) Eliza J. Bland (C1855 - ) who married John F. Marples, April 21, 1876.

By Nancy Marples, John Louis Bland had

(c5) Susan A. Bland, (April 20, 1859 - ) who married John H. Tucker in Casey County, October 12, 1880.

(c6) John A. or L. Bland (December 10, 1861 - ).

(c7) Josephine Bland, who married Stephen Knifely on April 23, 1881. Could John and Josephine have been twins?

(c8) George Bland (December 7, 1862 - ) who married Josephine Puyear <sup>113</sup>

(c9) Cordelia Bland (1864 - )

(c10) Margaret R. Bland

(c11) Allen Bland (1871-1940)

(c12) Harlan Bland (1873-1943) <sup>114</sup>

(d) Frances Bland (C1830 - ).

(e) Samuel J. or Daniel J. Bland (1831 - July 25, 1854), who married E.J. Knifely. <sup>115</sup>

(f) Susan C. Bland (1833 - )

(g) Lucinda Bland (1837 - ) listed as Lucindy in the 1850 census.

(h) Sarah E. Bland (1846 - ).

(i) Isabella Bland (1848 - ).

Elizabeth Stephens died of the flux on April 10, 1853, Thomas married Lucretia Riggins on September 9, 1856. In the 1870 Census he is shown (age 68) living with Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_. She may be his fourth wife.

(2) Allen Bland, born in Hardin County January 16, 1811 - Jane 27, 1853). Allen died in "Macomb (Actually McDonough) County Illinois". Allen married Elizabeth Elliott (September 12, 1812 - October 24, 1893) on May 5, 1837. They were the parents of:

<sup>113</sup> Kelley Romeo to Charles L. Bland, February 8, 1995, suggested that George Bland noted in AC 5-2, p. 33 (1862- ) was the brother of Abner Thomas Bland shown below, (C7) and that Josephine Bland (1869-1948) was George's wife.

<sup>114</sup> The 1870 Census finds three children living with John Louis Bland and Nancy Marples, including Ivan (1867) Lencia (1869) and William (1870). Could be additional children or grandchildren by some of the older children.

<sup>115</sup> The 1850 census lists a Daniel Bland, born in 1831, but no Samuel. Jenifer Van Stevern identified a Samuel Bland, born in 1831.

(a) William Thomas Bland, (C1838 - ) he is not found with Allen and Elizabeth in the 1850 census and it is probable that he died young.

(b) Samuel James Bland, (February 5, 1839 - October 20, 1927), who died in Charleston Illinois. He married Mary Lucretia Simmons on January 7, 1860. They had ten children.

(c) Rachel Bland (C1842 - )

(d) Mary (C1845 - )

(e) Hettie (C1848 - ) <sup>116</sup>

### John Bland and Margaret Osborne

1. John Bland (1725-1795). As noted above, (pp. 13-16) I have long since answered to my own satisfaction that John Bland was a son of William Bland (C1686-1844) of Prince William County Virginia, by William's second wife Catherine Key. John was born in Prince William County Virginia about 1725 and died in Nelson County Kentucky in 1795. <sup>117</sup> He was in the Prince William County Militia in 1756 and 1766 and signed the petition of the "Patriots of the Northern Neck of Virginia" following enactment of the Stamp Act. <sup>118</sup> John Bland married Margaret Osborne, a daughter of Thomas Osborne, in Prince William County Virginia, about 1747. <sup>119</sup> About

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<sup>116</sup> There is no Macomb County Illinois. The reference is to McDonough County, where the 1850 census records an Allen Bland, born in Kentucky, on page 243, Dwelling 200, age 38, living with Elizabeth Bland, age 37, born in Kentucky, with four children, Samuel age 11, Rachel, age 8, Mary E., age 5 and "Bunette" (Hettie) age 2. Though no family relationship is suggested, in dwelling 344, page 254, is found Samuel Bland (C1828 - ) born in Kentucky, a farmer worth \$500. married to Permelia.

<sup>117</sup> John's will was made October 5, 1795 and probated December 8, 1795.

<sup>118</sup> VU, pp. 419-420. Though the John Bland mentioned in these documents could always be another John Bland, it is likely to be our present subject. He was 31 or thereabouts in 1756, whereas his Uncle John would have been in his late 60s and not likely to serve in a peace time militia. His cousin John was a boy of about 14. The signature on the petition and the later service in the militia could have been either John (B1725) son of William, or John (C1742) son of John. It is always possible that it was someone else but there were no other John's revealed by surviving documentation in this area of Virginia at the same time.

<sup>119</sup> Margaret was probably about the same age as John. In 1751, her step father sold land in Prince William County that had previously been deeded to her. For a discussion of testy relations

1772, John and his family moved to Shenandoah County Virginia. John liquidated a great deal of property in Prince William County Virginia in 1780 and at about that time, set out for Kentucky.<sup>120</sup> He and his family settled in the area that would become Nelson County.<sup>121</sup> John and Margaret undoubtedly traveled with a large contingent of other settlers, including quite possibly John Bland (C1742-1807) and Rachel ( -1799), the founders of the Washington County Family.<sup>122</sup>

John and Margaret's family was at Fort Kinchloe when Indians raided in August 1782. Fort Kinchloe was located about one mile below "John Bland's Spring Branch" on Simpson's Creek in Nelson County near Bloomfield. In August 1782, indians from the Detroit Michigan area attacked the fort, massacring and capturing many of the settlers, including John Bland's son Osborne, his daughter in law, Letitia and her sons Jesse and Moses.<sup>123</sup> The Kinchloe disaster seems to have been the crisis point for the family.

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between Margaret, her siblings and children and the Harrison family, see VU, p. 426, N.3.

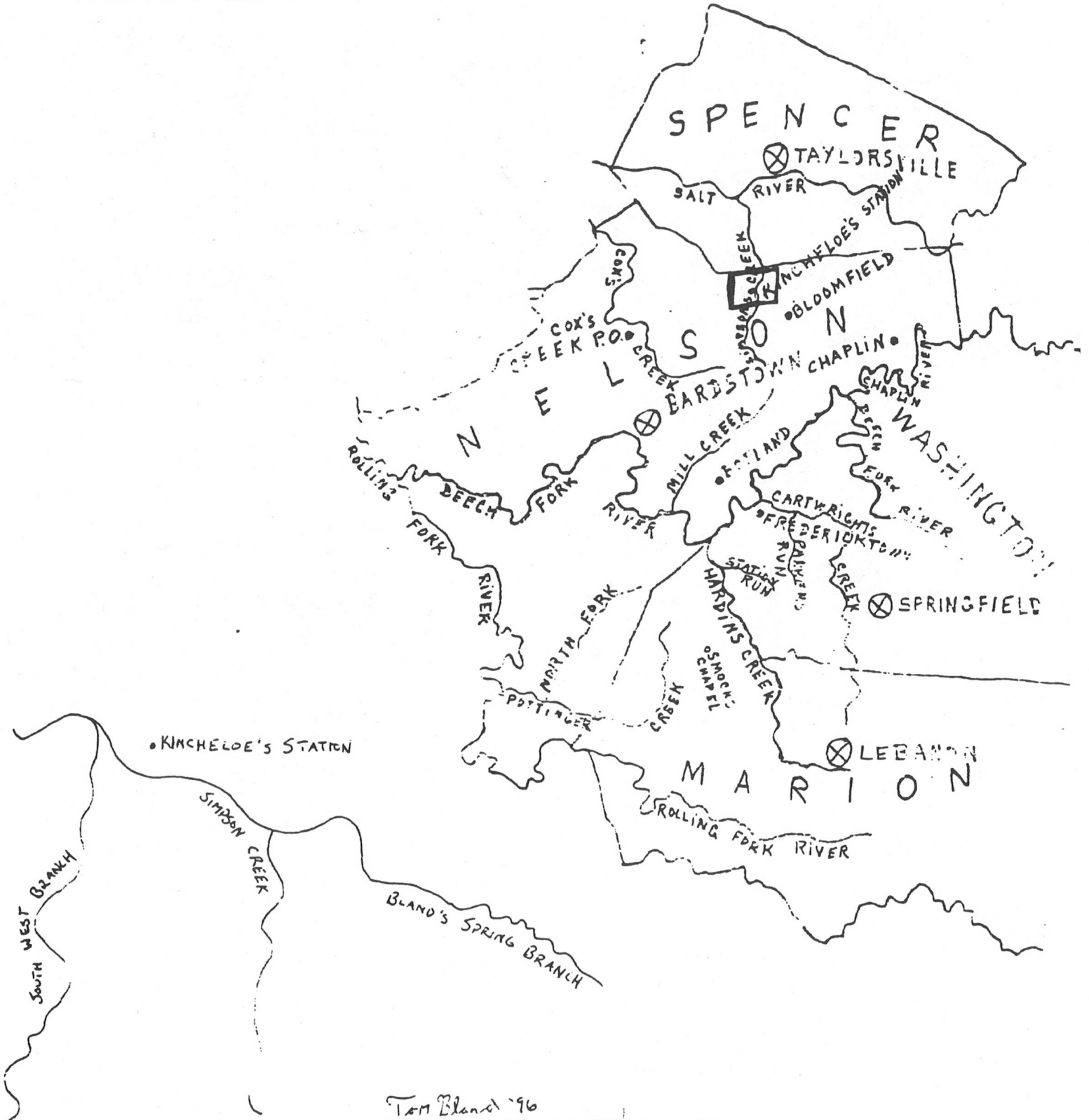
<sup>120</sup> John purchased 253 acres on Derby's Gap Branch in Shenandoah County from Darby McCarthy on June 10, 1772. John and his wife sold 126 acres of the same land to Samuel Perry on June 12, 1778. Fleming Smith witnessed both these transactions. Shenandoah County Virginia Deed Book E, October 1, 1779. p. 94, cited in AC 6-2, p. 10.

<sup>121</sup> John and Margaret sold an unspecified amount of land for 6000 pounds sterling on August 1, 1780. VU, p. 426. The nature of the typical trip to Kentucky out of Virginia in the late 18th Century is discussed in VU, pp. 426-427.

<sup>122</sup> John settled on Simpson's creek at a tributary known as Bland's Spring Branch (John owned 1500 acres on Beech Fork Creek). Among the settlers between 1779-1781 near Simpson's Creek, Coxes Creek, Mill Creek, all within a few miles of John Bland's place in were: Charles Thurston, William Branaugh, Henry Spears, Lowell Powell, Gerald Briscoe, William Stewart, John Greenwell, Joseph Smith, Pope Davis. Sarah B. Smith, Historic Nelson County (1971), p. 46.

<sup>123</sup> The fort got its name from William Kinchloe, a settler who lived there in 1780-1781. Lewin D. McPherson, Kindchloe, McPherson and Related Families p. 346. After the massacre, the place was called "Burnt Station" and later "Polk's Station" or there may have been a separate Polk's station later. (see map p. 39). See also Sara B. Smith, Historic Nelson County (1971), pp. 31ff, and Wenonah Maranman, Some Phases of Pioneer Education on the Kentucky Frontier With Emphasis in Nelson County 1785-1860.





Tom Bland '96

Nelson County Kentucky, C1782 (CF VU, p. 426).

Larger Map courtesy of the late Betty Turpin.

Inset showing Bland Springs Branch is by Thomas Eliot Bland.

After 1782 John was a reasonably prosperous landowner <sup>124</sup> who lived out the balance of his life in Kentucky. In his will he enumerated the following children in the order in which they appear. <sup>125</sup>

A. Osborne Bland (spelled Osburn in John's will) (C1748-1820/1830). Osborne died sometime between 1820-1830 in Cumberland County Kentucky. Osborne, called in John's will, "my eldest son". Osborne married Letitia "Lettice" "Letty" \_\_\_\_\_ (C1750 - living in 1812) before March 3, 1767 and they moved to Kentucky with Osborne's and perhaps Letitia's parents. Osborne and Letitia, as well as their children, were among the victims of the Kinchloe Indian massacre. Most explicitly Osborne himself was taken away to Detroit for three years, Letitia, who was captured by the indians and escaped after eighteen days, <sup>126</sup> and their son Jesse, a small boy at the time, who also was captured and didn't return home for twelve years. Another boy "Mos" also was captured. Osborne and Letitia had land in Jefferson County as early as March 5, 1782, and witnessed a will on December 5, 1788. <sup>127</sup> They moved around Nelson and Washington counties frequently (they moved five times between 1785-1795) <sup>128</sup>

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<sup>124</sup> As noted above, N. 18, John received or purchased about 1500 acres of land in what was to become Nelson County Kentucky in 1780. Three survey entries in Nelson County between 1785-1790 survey 1340 acres of the 1780 land or grant new land to John Bland. 1490 acres were eventually surveyed. John W. Bland, Elizabethtown Kentucky, confirmed to me that these were treasury warrants, not for military service. AC 2-2, p. 29.

<sup>125</sup> John's will is found in Nelson County Will Book, A, p. 166. It is quoted in VU, pp. 428-429. A subsequent document that contains reference to John and Margaret's surviving children is a complaint by the heirs of Margaret Osborne against Cuthbert Harrison, November 24, 1812, to regain the portion of their mother's share of Harrison's estate which they felt had been cheated from them.

<sup>126</sup> Ludie J. Kinhead to F.G. Phillips, September 2, 1932, asserts these years of captivity for Osborne and Letitia. Other stories indicate that their son Jesse was in captivity for twelve years. The late Marian Daniels pointed out to me that a lot of myth has encrusted itself around the Kinchloe story, so that anything should be taken with a grain of salt, but then salt enhances flavor.

<sup>127</sup> The Filson Club Early Kentucky Settlers: The Records of Jefferson County Kentucky (1988) p. 27. Courtesy Jean Engle. Lee G. Crume, Nelson County Wills (1933) p. 140.

<sup>128</sup> Discussion is found in AC 6-2, p. 11.

and by 1802 they had moved further south to Cumberland County.<sup>129</sup> Osborne appears in the 1810 Census for Cumberland County, over 45, (Osborne would be about 62) with a wife over 45 (Letitia would be about 58), with three males, ages 16-26. (these would be Eli, William and Warren). In 1820, Monroe County, Osborne appears near Osborne Bland Jr., Jesse Bland and John Bland. Osborne received land near Meshack Creek in Cumberland County in 1805 and then sold part of it in 1811. Osborne and Letitia leased and released land with Warren Bland, a son, August 9, 1811.<sup>130</sup> Meshack Creek was

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<sup>129</sup> On November 18, 1802, Osborne and Letitia "of Cumberland Co. Ky." sold 120.5 acres on Pottinger's Creek in Nelson County. Nelson County Pioneer Vol. 6, p. 86, citing Nelson County Deed Book Five. In a land transactions of December 18, 1805, Moses Kirkpatrick deeded land to Laurence Smith, who in turn deeded land to Osborne Bland. The referenced land was on Meshack Creek. Laura Butler and Randolph Smith Cumberland County Deeds (1975) p. 9.

<sup>130</sup> One of the mysteries in Bland family research is the maiden name of Letitia. There is some credibility in the claim that she is the daughter of James Bland (C1704-1774) of Hanover-Duplin County North Carolina, VU pp. 267-275, but I have never seen anything that positively makes this connection. Regarding the March 3, 1767 approximation for the marriage of Osborne and Letitia, see discussion in AC 1-2, p. 8. Louise Bill, Fitzwilliam New Hampshire, wrote in 1983 telling me about a Lettice Bland (1752-1814) who married William King (1745-1801) in 1768 at Prince William County Virginia and were members of the Baptist Church at Cox's Creek in Nelson County Kentucky by 1782. Intriguing because this woman had the same name and same approximate dates as Osborne Bland's wife, yet, given the facts could not be her. Lettice Bland King might well have been a niece or cousin of either of the John Blands and could have been the sister of John (1742-1807). In AC 4-2, p. 27, there is reference to a news article attached to a letter written by F.G. Phillips August 30, 1932, which seems to have detailed knowledge of Lettice's family and thinks she was "perhaps" a Peake.

There were two possibilities why Osborne and Letitia had to move so frequently. First, Osborne himself had a penchant for trouble. AC 4-2, p. 27. This generalization may not be warranted, e.g., poor Osborne, charged with Pig theft in 1785, was found innocent. Minutes of the Nelson County Court, September 30, 1785, in The Nelson County Pioneer Vol X, No. 1, (Summer 1986), p. 9. Secondly, Letitia, according to the social values of the frontier, might have been tainted by her experience with the indians. Juanita Max wrote me once "My great aunt told me that one of the reasons that Osburn Bland and wife moved around so much was because of the 'talk' in the neighborhood where they were. It seems that any woman who was captured by the indians was a marked woman. Scarlet Letter type. Which doesn't seem at all fair, but, as my aunt said, people are not fair. She said that it was common knowledge that this was

a tributary of the Cumberland River running along the Tennessee and Kentucky Border, explaining perhaps why some of Osborne's grandchildren claimed to have been born in Tennessee. Osborne and Letitia had ten known children:<sup>131</sup>

(1). Margaret (C1769 - living in 1826) Margaret married William Philips ( - living in 1813) on May 28, 1786. Margaret and William lived in the section of Nelson County that became Hardin County in 1792. William served in the Kentucky militia in 1813 and Margaret was noted in the records of Hardin's creek Baptist Church as late as 1826. Their children were:

(a) William Phillips (C1787 - died before 1840). William married Malinda \_\_\_\_\_ and had a family of seven children.

(b) George Phillips (C1787 - died after 1850). George married Eudora Kendley or Kenley on August 29, 1815.

(c) Letitia Phillips (March 11, 1797 - June 15, 1846) married William Beall in Christian County Kentucky, in 1814.

(d) Felix Phillips (C1807 - living in 1850) married Frances \_\_\_\_\_.

(e) Nancy Phillips, (C1812 - ) married Gary head in Washington County Kentucky February 9, 1829.

(f) Margaret Phillips, (C1813 - ) married Hamilton Cittler in Washington County August 7 or 17, 1830.<sup>132</sup>

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the prevailing attitude among the pioneer people and some families tried to move to other parts to avoid the gossip. . . Some of the women committed suicide." For a discussion whether the raid affected Letitia's child bearing ability, see VU. p. 438. An interesting film which strives for authenticity on this theme is *Ulzana's Raid*, starring Burt Lancaster.

Osborne Bland's land transactions in Cumberland County Kentucky are found in AC 4-2, p. 39. Information about the 1810 Census is found in AC 6-2, pp. 11-12. In 1799, there were no Blands, Kirkpatricks or Radfords in Cumberland County. By 1820, they were all in close proximity and numerous.

<sup>131</sup> One source reported the possibility that there was an unnamed child who was killed in the Kinchloe raid. VU, p. 441. In AC 7-1, p. 25, Joyce McCool quoted a correspondent who descended from the family of Daniel Bland (1784-1848), whom I have hypothesized is the son of Osborne and Letitia, that they "had 11 boys and two of them came to Arkansas."

<sup>132</sup> VU., pp. 439-440.



(2). John (C1770- November 2, 1842) John married Sarah E. Lee, daughter of Purmit Lee. (C1770 - 1840) about 1799. They had the following children: <sup>133</sup>

(a). Abraham, (C1800 - ) Born in Virginia, married Hannah Randle (C1813 - ) on January 31, 1833 in Ray County Missouri. According to the 1850 Census, Abraham was born in Virginia, Hannah in Tennessee. They had a family of eleven children. <sup>134</sup>

(b). Purmit Bland (1804 - November 4, 1861) born in Tennessee. Purmit married Elizabeth Randle (C1813 - ) in Ray County Missouri on July 2, 1831. They had a family of 13 children. <sup>135</sup>

(c). James Lee Bland (1809-1811) Born in Tennessee.

(d). Hannah Bland (1811 - ) Born in Tennessee.

(e). Elizabeth Bland (1813 - ) Born in Tennessee. evidently, Elizabeth did not marry. <sup>136</sup>

(f). Zachariah Bland (C1814 - ) Born in Tennessee. Zachariah married first Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ and second Kesiah Ogles

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<sup>133</sup> AC 2-2, pp. 25-26; AC 3-1, pp. 8-9; AC 3-2, pp. 9-15; AC 4-1, pp. 20-21; AC 4-2, p. 30. In the 1810 Census for Cumberland County, page 5, there is a John Bland, 26-45, (John would have been 40) with a wife 26-45, two sons under 10 (Abraham and Purmit). By 1820, John Bland was living in Cumberland County Kentucky near Purmit Lee, who was the father of John's wife. Best known historian of this family was Mary Lee Bland, (C1817-1898) who married William Fletcher Ewell (1815-1848) and attempted to pass herself off as a descendant of the James River Family or a princess from a minor German principality. Mary Lee Bland's foolishness should be a cautionary tale to all us genealogical dreamers. Ruby Blann suggested that this family might have come from the Pendleton County Virginia group, indicating that there was a Permunt Lee in the Shenandoah County area as late as 1785, AC 4-1, p. 21. There is nothing that I know of to confirm this. John Bland probably married Sarah in Monroe/Greenbrier County Virginia, because Permunt Lee was living there in 1799 in close proximity to John and Robert Bland. Some reservations about identification of John Bland (1770-1842) as a son of Osborne and Letitia Bland appear in AC 6-2, p. 13.

<sup>134</sup> Abraham is enumerated in the 1850 Census for Livingston County Missouri, page 90, dwelling 631. Hannah's maiden name appears to be Randle, transposed variously as Randles and Runnels. AC 3-2, pp. 10-11.

<sup>135</sup> Purmit's family is identified in AC 3-2, pp. 11-13. Cf, AC 6-2, p. 13; 7-1, pp. 25-26.

<sup>136</sup> AC 3-2, p. 14.

(C1821 - ) born in Tennessee, on October 22, 1837 in Livingston County Missouri. They had seven children.<sup>137</sup>

(g) Rachel Bland (1815 - ) Born in Tennessee.

(h) Mary Lee Bland (1817-1898). Much to her chagrin no doubt, Mary was born in Cumberland County Kentucky.<sup>138</sup> She married William Fletcher Ewell, (1815-1848) on November 30, 1834. They left Kentucky for Missouri, where they got swept up in the craze of Mormonism but they returned to Kentucky in 1839. Mary Bland Lee wrote that her father disinherited her because her husband would not give up his Mormon beliefs. About 1846, William went off to fight in the Mexican American War. He and Mary had six children.<sup>139</sup>

(3). Sarah (C1773- ) Sarah married James Willett in Nelson County Kentucky, December 20 or 21, 1790.<sup>140</sup>

(4). Osborne Jr. (C1774- February 5, 1849).<sup>141</sup> Osborne was born in Prince William County Virginia and died in Richland Township, Greene County Indiana. Osborne married Patsy Donohoo (C1784 - 1847) in Nelson County on January 21, 1799. Osborne and Patsy were in Monroe County Kentucky in 1820 and subsequently moved to Scott County Indiana (they were in the 1830 census of Scott County) before moving to Greene County by about 1838. Their twelve children were:

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<sup>137</sup> AC 2-2, pp. 25-26. In 1855, Zachariah consummated a land deal in Virginia with a man from Cumberland County Kentucky. AC 3-2, p. 9. Zachariah's family is listed in AC 3-2, pp. 13-14. Earlier suggestions that Keziah might have been an O'Gill or Gill are in error, Ruby Blann to Charles L. Bland October 13, 1985.

<sup>138</sup> AC 3-1, p. 9.

<sup>139</sup> AC 3-2, pp. 14-15. AC 7-1, pp. 26-27. Whether William fully redeemed himself in the war is not known. He was reputed a thief who borrowed and never repaid public road construction funds, and he was known to have terrorized the Mormons in an effort to get them out of Missouri. Ruby Blann to Charles L. Bland, October 13, 1985. How this comports with Mary Bland Lee's story is somewhat troublesome to say the least.

<sup>140</sup> VU p. 440.

<sup>141</sup> For Osborne Jr.'s date of death, cf. AC 1-1, p. 8.

(a) William Bland (C1801 - after 1860) married Martha Fisher (C1814 - ) about 1835. In the 1850 Census, William is enumerated in Shelby County Illinois, married to Ann (C1820 - ) with five children <sup>142</sup>

(b) Eli Bland (C1806 - after 1850) was born in Kentucky and moved to Indiana, but like his brother William was in Shelby County Illinois in the 1850 census. Eli married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (C1811 - ) who was born in Kentucky, about 1834. They had four known children. <sup>143</sup>

(c) John Bland (c1807 - 1840) he married "Jency" or Mary Jane Mahan, born in Kentucky, (March 31, 1809 - March 9, 1894). Mary Jane is buried at the Dunlap Cemetery in Clark County Illinois. She later remarried to William Warren in Greene County on June 14, 1844. John and Mary Jane had a family of six children. <sup>144</sup>

(d) Letitia "Lettice" Bland (C1810 - ) On June 10, 1836, Lettice married William Walker (C1815 - 1851) who met a foul end at the hand of his brother in law Hiram Bland, (below ) in a

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<sup>142</sup> VU, pp. 444-445, William and Ann were living in Dwelling, 908, found on page 155. Children noted were Polly, (C1836 - ); James (C1838 - ); Austin (September 10, 1843 - March 29, 1865, who married Mary Langford (1848-1916) on March 14, 1865; Elizabeth (C1847 - ) and Eli (C1849 - ). William evidently moved from Kentucky to Greene County Indiana then to Shelby County Illinois. By 1860, he is back in Greene County Indiana. A Lucy Bland (C1839-) was living with the family in 1860. Also, Moses Bland, (1844 - April 20, 1907) not enumerated in 1850 but living with the family in 1860. CF AC 1-1, p. 8; AC 1-2, pp. 9-11; AC 6-2, p. 14. Regarding William and his brother Jesse (page 46 (i) below) I would like to acknowledge receipt of information and excellent photos from Laverne Bland, Edgerton Missouri, about later generations of descendants through these two brothers, who are both ancestors of Laverne Bland, making him a Bland through and through. I will use these photos and the information provided in a later review.

<sup>143</sup> VU, p. 445. 1850 Census, page 149, dwelling 827. Cf AC 6-2, p. 14.

<sup>144</sup> VU. pp. 443-444. cf VU, p, 453, N. 1, and 1850 Census of Greene County, page 322, dwelling 607 lists Mary Bland (C1823, a daughter of John and Mary Jane, married to John Herrington. CF AC 5-2, p. 26-27; AC 6-2, p. 14.

celebrated murder that gives us Blands an interesting legend to talk about. They had five children.<sup>145</sup>

(e) James Bland (C1813 - living in 1880). James was born in Kentucky and moved to Greene County Indiana. He married a widow, Lydia Burch Shaver (C1810-1857) on December 18, 1836 in Greene County. They had a family of nine or eleven children. James remarried to Lydia Fuller in Greene County on January 19, 1858. He may have later married a third wife, Mary Goodnight in Greene County on December 18, 1879.<sup>146</sup>

(f) Warren Bland (C1815 - February 19, 1865) Warren married Cynthia Burch (C1822 - 1856) in Greene County Indiana on July 12, 1840. They had seven children. After the death of Cynthia Burch, Warren married Susan Carpenter on September 16, 1858 in Greene County.<sup>147</sup>

(g) Margaret Bland (C1817 - ) married Thomas Todd in Greene County on October 24, 1833.<sup>148</sup>

(h) Moses Bland (January 1820 - May 12, 1906). was born in Kentucky and died of a heart attack in Greene County Indiana. He went to Shelby County Illinois and married Milly Lawrence (C1832 - ) on May 30, 1849. He moved back to Greene County Indiana where he and Milly were enumerated in the 1850 Census. On May 22, 1856, Moses married Jane Bays (1833-1895)<sup>149</sup>

(i) Jesse Bland (C1821 - November 28, 1881). On January 24, 1841, Jesse married Mary "Polly" Lawrence (c1824 - ) in Greene County on January 24, 1841. By 1880, Jesse had moved to Shelby

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<sup>145</sup> VU, p. 445. For the murder trial, cf, pp. 451-455. Cf AC 6-2, p. 15.

<sup>146</sup> VU, pp. 448-449, AC 1-1, p. 8; AC 2-1, p. 12; Ac 6-2, p. 15. AC 11-1, pp. 36-37. A photo of James and Lydia appears on page 37. I want to acknowledge receipt of a book by a correspondent, Cousin Jean Engle, Sperry Oklahoma, The Descendants of William Bland 1838 - ). William was a son of James Bland and Lydia Shaver, and he married Mary Skinner (C1838 - ) on January 4, 1858. Inasmuch as James and Lydia are the fourth generation in the framework reviewed here, I am deferring fuller coverage of this line to a future issue.

<sup>147</sup> VU, p. 446. The Late Virginia Cowden of Bloomington Indiana estimated Warren's birth date as 1811 and Cynthia's as 1825. The 1850 Census, page 321, dwelling 602, enumerated them as born 1815 and 1822 respectively. Cf AC 6-2, pp. 15-16.

<sup>148</sup> Virginia Bland Cowden surmised that Margaret was the daughter of Osborne Bland Jr. and Patsy Donohoo on the basis of this marriage. AC 6-2, p. 16.

<sup>149</sup> VU p. 450. Moses is enumerated in the 1850 census on page 321, dwelling 604. Cf, AC 4-2, p. 28. Cf AC 6-2, p. 16.



(j) Mary "Polly" Bland (C1821 - ) Polly married William Todd in Greene County on July 25, 1837 and she divorced him April 5, 1846. Witnesses at the divorce were Hiram, Osborne and Warren Bland. <sup>150</sup>

(k) Hiram Bland (C1825 - June 13, 1851) Hiram has the historical reputation as one of the Bland family bad boys, because he was found guilty of the murder of his brother in law William Walker (P. 45, 3D above) and was hanged on June 13, 1851. He married Rachel Bays (c1825 - ) and had a known family of four children. Following Hiram's demise, Rachel married James Ray on June 25, 1856 and bore him eight children. <sup>151</sup>

(l) Lucinda Bland (C1826 - ) Lucinda married David Shaver on July 13, 1845 in Greene County Indiana. By 1850 David and Lucinda had two children. David and Lucinda might have moved to Kansas. <sup>152</sup>

After Patsy Donohoo's death, Osborne had a short and unhappily fatal marriage in Greene County on November 15, 1848, to a younger woman, Sally Kent Andrews. On February 1, 1849 Osborne was severely beaten with a fence post by Sally's son Isaac. Osborne died on February 5, 1849. Poor old Osborne. Sally later dropped Osborne's name in order to qualify for a war pension from her former husband Alexander Andrews. <sup>153</sup>

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<sup>150</sup> Virginia Bland Cowden surmised that Polly was the daughter of Osborne Jr. and Patsy Donohoo, on the basis of information presented. AC 1-1, pp. 8-9. Cf AC 6-2, p. 16.

<sup>151</sup> VU, pp. 450-455. AC 1-2, p. 8; 1850 Census for Greene County, page 321, Dwelling 603. Hiram received an earlier stay of execution during after one of Hiram's detractors was said to have yelled at him, "Hiram you're a goner or I'll be damned." We don't know what corner of hell this short sighted Indianan sent himself to. Perhaps Satan was still looking for a place when Hiram was hung and the detractor went to heaven and passed Hiram on the way up. A rather extended discussion of the evidence and trial appears in AC 6-1, pp. 35-37. Cf AC 6-2, p. 16.

<sup>152</sup> VU, pp. 450-451. Also, AC 1-1, p. 8. Cf AC 6-2, p. 16.

<sup>153</sup> AC 4-2, p. 28, Cf AC 5-2, p. 26, where I stated that Osborne married Sally on December 15, 1848. Isaac Andrews claimed that Osborne died from old age, drunkenness, exposure to the cold and from falling off his horse." The court later found Isaac guilty. Osborne's last year was filled with trouble. He received a court summons October 2, 1848 and January 9, 1849 to appear in court for charges of "Malicious trespass." This was less than a month before he died.

(5). Jesse Bland (1778 - 1843) According to stories about the Kinchloe massacre, Jesse was captured by the Indians and returned home twelve years later, by which time he would have been about 16. He was recognized by a scar. Jesse was in Christian County Kentucky in 1811, where he witnessed the will of Joseph Moseley. Probably by 1814, Jesse moved to Pulaski (later Saline) county Arkansas. Jesse was a pioneer Baptist minister in Pulaski County, He was known as "Old Hard Sides" for his powerful and eloquent voice, out on the frontier cussin' about love and threatening to redeem every soul that walked upright and some that didn't. He founded Union Baptist Church in 1830, with eight members. This church later became the Spring Creek or Kentucky Baptist Church. Jesse married first, Nancy Kirkpatrick about 1800 in Cumberland County Kentucky. Secondly, he married Rachel Prince in Pulaski County Arkansas on January 8, 1828. Children of Jesse Bland and Nancy Kirkpatrick were: <sup>154</sup>

(a) John B. Bland (C1805 - 1862) John married first, the widow Temperance \_\_\_\_\_ Powell (September 1, 1809 - C1848) and second, the widow Lucinda \_\_\_\_\_ Price (October 17, 1828 - living in 1870), about 1849. John had nine children with Temperance and five with Lucinda. <sup>155</sup>

(b) Hiram Dow Bland (1811-1898). Hiram Dow married Obediah Brazil in Saline County Arkansas in 1829. They had eight children. <sup>156</sup>

(c) Moses Bland, may have married Eady watson , June 7, 1838.

(d) Melinda or Belinda Bland Melinda married first, Joseph Rutherford and second, Samuel T. Henderson on July 9, 1837.

(e) Elizabeth Bland, married william Hutchinson in 1836 or 1837.

(f) Calvin Bland (C1825 - ) Married Caroline \_\_\_\_\_ (C1830 - ) about 1846. <sup>157</sup>

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<sup>154</sup> VU, pp. 440-441. CF AC 6-2, p. 17. One reason for suggesting that Moses Bland (1780-1848) was a son of Osborne and Letitia is that he too was a minister at the Spring Creek Church. On September 18, 1843, Benjamin Clemens, Jesse's son in law, (see (h) below) petitioned to have his two children Lucinda and Benjamin included through their "mother's right" in Jesse Bland's estate.

<sup>155</sup> AC 6-2, pp. 17-18. John is found in the 1850 Census for Saline County Arkansas, Page 118, Dwelling 473.

<sup>156</sup> AC 1-2, pp. 24-25; 6-2, p. 19.

<sup>157</sup> Calvin is found in the 1850 Census for Saline County Arkansas, Page 123, Dwelling 576.

(g) Verlinda Bland married Alfred C. Henderson on June 17, 1838.

(h) Naomi Bland (C1808 - May 1, 1833) Naomi was in Pulaski County Arkansas in 1825 when she married Benjamin Clemens on November 22, 1825. They had two children. Naomi was identified as the daughter of Jesse Bland. <sup>158</sup>

(6). Moses Bland (1780 - 1848) If Moses Bland is the brother of Jesse and Daniel Bland, he probably was in Pulaski County by 1814. The 1830 Census for Pulaski County has him as aged 40-50 (Moses would have been 50). <sup>159</sup> He appears in the tax records for 1820-1828. Like his brother Jesse, he was a minister at the First Baptist Church, later the Spring Creek Baptist Church. In the same census, he had a son Moses aged 5-10, and five daughters, one aged 16-26, two 10-15 one 5-10 and one under 5. Moses daughters included: <sup>160</sup>

(a) Charlotty Bland, (C1819 - ) who married Leason Wells, October 9, 1836 in Saline County.

(b) Polly Bland (c1820 - ) who married Andrew McAllister on July 13, 1837, in Saline County.

(c) Nancy Bland (c1821 - ) who married Andrew Jackson Brazil on October 22, 1837 in Saline County.

(d) Moses Bland (January 23, 1823 - 1891 was evidently a minister in the Spring Creek Baptist Church. He married Mary Ann Bland on July 28, 1842. Moses had two children with Mary Ann and then she died soon after the birth of their second child, or perhaps she died in child birth. Moses went off to fight in the Mexican American War and returned to marry Rebecca Vandergrift, who is his wife in the 1850 Census. Moses and Rebecca had three children. <sup>161</sup>

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<sup>158</sup> Joyce Bland McCool to Charles L. Bland, August 27, 1993.

<sup>159</sup> The birth date for Moses of 1780 is about right. The earliest reference I have found to him in a letter from William Willett to S.P. Pottinger, April 24, 1906, found at the Filson Club in Louisville Kentucky, John Bland Junior, William Hughes, Daniel Bland, John Bland Senior, William Davis and Moses Bland witness in 1803 a transaction between William Davis and Osborne Bland from 1793 in Nelson County Deed Book 4, (1793) p. 769.

<sup>160</sup> VU pp. 350-352 and AC 6-2, p. 20.

<sup>161</sup> VU, pp. 349-352; AC 6-2, p. 20. 1850 Census for Pulaski County Page 319, Dwelling 118. AC 7-1, p. 25. Joyce McCool quoted a correspondent who descends from Daniel Bland (1784-1848) below, "I think our great grandfather's brother who came with him to Arkansas was names Moses."

(7) Warren Bland - (C1782 - before 1860)<sup>162</sup> Warren was said to be a farmer, stockman who was involved in freighting and boating, chiefly shipping tobacco downriver in flat boats. Warren served in the War of 1812 as a Private in Taul's 7th Mounted Kentucky Regiment.<sup>163</sup> He was said to have fought at the Battle of New Orleans. Warren owned land on the Cumberland River. is identified in a lease-release transaction with Osborne and Letitia Bland in Cumberland County Kentucky August 9, 1811. By 1819, Warren and his wife Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (August 1781 - February 10, 1874) had resold the land to Osborne and Letitia. Jane Bland, Warren's wife is buried in Sangamon County Illinois. Warren and Jane had the following known children: <sup>164</sup>

(a) Elizabeth Bland (C1811 - July, 1869) who married Edward Lanham (1812 - January 4, 1866). Elizabeth and Edward had a family of twelve children. <sup>165</sup>

(b) John Bland, (July 15, 1826 - December 17, 1896) who married Emily Bland (November 18, 1842 - December 25, 1919) in Auburn Township, Sangamon County Illinois. John and Emily had seven children. <sup>166</sup>

(c) Charles Bland (1829 - November 29, 1854)

(d) Thomas Bland (C1835 - living in 1870). Thomas was in Sangamon County Illinois by 1870. He married Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ (C1845

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<sup>162</sup> If Warren was approximately the same age as his wife, but born after the Kinchloe Raid (he is not mentioned in its annals), he must have been born about 1783. His wife Jane was living in Greene County Illinois with her daughter Elizabeth Bland Lanham in 1860. By 1870, she was living with her son Thomas in Sangamon County Illinois. AC 7-2, p. 21-22.

<sup>163</sup> AC 7-2, p. 28.

<sup>164</sup> Although this is certain, Warren, who seems to have remained in the Cumberland County area, may be the best candidate as father for Margaret Bland, who was presumably born about 1803 and married John Kidwell in 1820. I have not seen any reference to Margaret in the Kentucky records, but received a query about it from a genealogist, Dolores Rutherford, Carmichael California. Margaret and John had 10 children, William, Masha or Mashack, Matthew, Elizabeth, Abigail, Martha, Amanda, John, Mary and Jesse. Rutherford to Charles L. Bland, February 18 and March 18, 1996.

<sup>165</sup> AC 4-2, p. 39. AC 6-2, p. 12. A brief portrait of Edward and Elizabeth is included in an article about their son, Joseph W. Lanham (1837 - ) in a book I can identify only as Portrait and Biographical Album, pp. 354-355.

<sup>166</sup> AC 7-2, p. 21.



(e) Ann Bland (1840 - April 1, 1859). <sup>167</sup>

(8). Daniel (C1784 - about 1848) Daniel married first, an unknown woman, and second Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (C1802 - ) Daniel "was in Arkansas . . . previous to the twelfth day of April 1814" while it was still part of the Missouri Territory. Daniel went to Wellborn township, which became part of Conway County in 1825. In 1829, he is found there with a wife, 3 females under 18, five females under 14 and a male, aged 18-25. By 1830, he had a wife, aged 30-40. <sup>168</sup> In 1841 he was in Perry County, created from Conway in 1840. Daniel Married three times. By his first marriage, Daniel had:

- (a) William Bland (C1803/1810 - )
- (b) James Bland (C1815/1820 - )
- (c) Unnamed Daughter (C1815/1820 - )
- (d) Lydia Bland, (C1820 - ) who married Jethro Peyton Henderson June 15, 1837 in Saline County Arkansas.
- (e) Isaac Bland (C1820/1825 - )
- (f) Jane Bland (C1823 - ) married Alfred Brazil in Saline County Arkansas.
- (g) Sarah Bland (C1826 - ) married John Westley, August 6, 1842 in Saline County Arkansas.

The birth dates for these children indicate that Daniel's first wife may have died in child birth in 1828. Daniel and Sarah, (C1802 - ) his third wife, (she outlived him) had:

(h) Daniel Richard Bland (1830-1878), was born and died in the Conway/Perry Arkansas area. Daniel was described as a gentle father and husband who loved life. He married first, Emmaline Ivey about 1854 and they had two children. Second, Daniel married Julia Heaton ( - 1879) about 1863 and had four children with her. <sup>169</sup>

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<sup>167</sup> Please note that if this Ann is a daughter, her mother bore her at age 58. It may well be that Thomas and Ann are grandchildren.

<sup>168</sup> VU, p. 441, n. 2 identifies a son Daniel. Cf Ac 3-2, p. 51 AC 4-1, pp. 30-32. Daniel died in 1848, just after paying his taxes, thus doing in fact what many of us think we have to do. Sarah Bland is found in the 1850 Census for Perry County Arkansas, page 111, dwelling 65. She is aged 48 and is living with her two sons. Conway and Perry Counties are near Saline-Pulaski County and Daniel's family is intermingled with some Blands from the Randolph County North Carolina family. The positioning of Daniel with Osborne and Lettice Bland was a hypothesis, suggested in AC 6-2, p. 21, esp n. 14.

<sup>169</sup> AC 4-1, p. 31. A photo of Daniel Richard Bland appears in AC 4-1, p. 32.

(i) Radford Sherman Bland (December 30, 1832 - October 20, 1900) who, like his brother, was born and died in Conway perry County Arkansas. He married twice: (1) Margaret Ellsberry (1840-1892), with whom he had a family of seven children. After 1892, Radford married Annie Sanders but there were no children. <sup>170</sup>

(9). William Bland (C1794 - living in 1856) William served in the War of 1812, with Taul's Seventh Mounted Kentucky Regiment, along with his brother Warren. <sup>171</sup> There was a William Bland, married to Martha enumerated in the 1830 census for Cumberland County. William was witness with Fleming Smith to a sale of land by Osborne and Lettice Bland in Cumberland County in 1811. In 1855 and 1856, William had land surveyed along the Cumberland River. In the 1850 Census for Monroe County, William Bland age 56, is living with Hiram D. Bland (C1820 - ) who is married to Rebecca (C1822 - ) and they have one child, Nancy, (C1847 - ). <sup>172</sup>

(10) Eli Bland (C1794 - ) Land was surveyed for Eli along Meshack Creek on November 8, 1815. There was a land transaction involving Eli in Cumberland County in 1819. <sup>173</sup>

B. Prudence Bland (1750-1815) called John's "eldest daughter" and "wife to Fleming Smith". As noted in the Page Family Bible, the date of death for Prudence, shown on her tombstone is 1815 and her age at death 65. Thus her dates are 1750-1815. Prudence Bland married Fleming Smith (December 5, 1745 - August 27, 1847) about 1768. Some of her descendants believe that since she had married,

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<sup>170</sup> Ibid. Cf, AC 4-1, p. 31-32 for Radford Sherman Bland's family with Margaret Ellsberry. Photos of Radford Sherman Bland and Margaret Ellsberry appear in AC 4-1, p. 32. I am not certain where the name Radford comes from, but came across the name in conjunction with Osborne and Letitia Bland in Cumberland County Kentucky, C 1810-1820, one of the reasons I hypothesized that Daniel Bland was Osborne's son.

<sup>171</sup> AC 7-2, p. 28.

<sup>172</sup> AC 1-2, p. 10. AC 6-2, p. 12 and 22. 1850 Census for Monroe County Kentucky, Page 396, Dwelling 378. On page 403, dwelling 488, there is Osborne Bland (C1810 - ) Married to Mary, (C1811 ). Their children are (a) John Bland (C1842 - ), (b) Jesse Bland (C1845 - ); (c) Mary Bland (C1850 - ). There was an Osborne Bland married to Mary Wilson in Monroe County records, and they had James W. Bland (March 15, 1853 - ) and "Letty" Bland (May 25, 1856 - ). AC 4-2, p. 39). It is possible that this Osborne Bland was the son of William C 1794.

<sup>173</sup> Eli is noted in VU p. 441, n. 2. Land transaction, cf, AC 6-2, p. 12.

she did not go to Kentucky with her relatives. One history of the family states that Fleming moved his family to South Carolina and served there during the Revolution with a brother Charles. In 1802, he moved the family to Cumberland County Kentucky. It appears that in 1814, Fleming purchased 200 acres on the Cumberland River from Hannaniah Lincoln, said to be an aunt of President Lincoln.<sup>174</sup> Fleming is buried at the cemetery of the Old Mulky Meeting House in Monroe County Kentucky. They had a family of seven children.<sup>175</sup>

(1) Dorcas Smith (March 6, 1771 - May 17, 1865) Dorcas married John Page (March 26, 1777 - May 28, 1819) on March 27, 1796.<sup>176</sup>

(2) John Smith (1773 - November 22, 1825) who married Sarah "Sally" Gee (1782 - ) probably in Cumberland County Kentucky. John and Sally lived in Logan County Kentucky and are buried in the Smith Cemetery there.<sup>177</sup>

(3) James Smith (1777 - 1864) born in Spartanburg South Carolina, and died in Bourbon County Kentucky or Newton County Missouri. James was said by one source to have married Nancy Hughes, (1786-1852) in Nelson County Kentucky, June 15, 1803.<sup>178</sup>

(4) Margaret Smith (C1782 - ) was born at Spartanburg South Carolina. She married Edward Hughes in Nelson County Kentucky.<sup>179</sup>

(5) Samuel Smith, (C1785 - before December 1, 1855) was born in Spartanburg South Carolina and died in Monroe County Kentucky. He married Mary L. Barker on May 9, 1807 in Logan County.<sup>180</sup>

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<sup>174</sup> AC 6-2, p. 13.

<sup>175</sup> VU pp. 430-431. Pearl O. Smith, "Peter Smith of Westmoreland County Virginia" (March 1973) p. 5b. Mrs. Smith was informed apparently by my correspondent Merritt Page. Mr. Page rejects the inclusion of Elizabeth Smith (C1770 - 1822) who married Martin Castleberry of South Carolina, as one of the children of Fleming Smith and Prudence Bland, AC 1-2, pp. 12-13.

<sup>176</sup> This is the ancestral line of cousin Merritt Page of Green City Missouri, and Awilda Page of Fritch Texas, as discussed in AC 1-2, p. 11 and AC 4-2, p. 28.

<sup>177</sup> AC 4-2, p. 28.

<sup>178</sup> AC 4-2, p. 28.

<sup>179</sup> Ibid.

<sup>180</sup> Ibid.

(6) Malinda Smith, (C1786-1874) was born in Spartanburg South Carolina and died in Logan County Kentucky. She married John Williams in Logan County, April 16, 1811. <sup>181</sup>

(7) Prudence Smith, (C1790 - 1870) was born in Spartanburg South Carolina and died in Logan County Kentucky. She married Robert Williams in Kentucky, April 27, 1818. <sup>182</sup>

(8) An unnamed daughter who, according to pearl Smith's history "was a cripple."

C. Samuel Bland (1751 - 1835/1836) Samuel Bland was living in 1812, when he joined in a complaint against his step grandfather Cuthbert Harrison. At that time, he was married to Mary Ann \_\_\_\_\_, who may have been Samuel's second wife. <sup>183</sup>

(1) John Bland (C1771 - 1835) John made his will on March 11, 1835 and it was proved April 13, 1835. John married Elizabeth Shumate (December 18, 1774 - April 5, 1863) on August 9, 1792. Elizabeth is buried in Oldham County Kentucky. Though John and Elizabeth lived in Nelson County Kentucky, his will mentioned possession of lands in Lewis County Missouri. <sup>184</sup>

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<sup>181</sup> Ibid.

<sup>182</sup> Ibid.

<sup>183</sup> AC 7-1, p. 27. In an indenture in Nelson County Kentucky, Deed Book 4, February 26, 1791, p. 127, Samuel Bland is referred to without reference to a wife. It was fairly common for a husband and wife to be mentioned together in Nelson County land Transactions and beginning in 1793, Samuel is mentioned with his wife Mary Ann. The 1791 Indenture speaks of "Samuel Bland and his heirs," suggesting that he had children. Thus I would assume Mary Ann is not his first wife. Samuel Bland seems to have died between March 11, 1835 and March 31, 1836. The will of his son John, states "Balance of my money whatever it may be I give and bequeath to my father and mother and my sister Eleanor Glass. . ." Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland August 23, 1983. An indenture in Nelson County, March 31, 1836, shows that Mary Ann Bland is a widow and relict of Samuel Bland." Other names given include Eleanor Bland, Fanny Bland, Ambrose Knott and his wife, "The late Elizabeth Bland", daughter of Samuel's daughter Margaret (1783-1804).

<sup>184</sup> VU, p. 456 John's executor was his in-law James Glass. In VU, p. 456, I stated that John's will was made out and proved March 11 and April 13, 1835. This appears in James, Bland Family Court and Bible Records, p. 50. It is in such harmony with the will of 1830 made out by Samuel Bland, same source, that I have no doubt that John and Samuel were brothers. Thus, if my construction is



John and Elizabeth had the following children:

(a) Bryant Bland (1800-1841) was named a co-executor of his father's will and was probably the eldest son. He married Margaret Bridewell, on August 8, 1834. He may have previously married Patsy Wells in Spencer County Kentucky April 13, 1827. After Bryant's death, Patsy went to California with John Devilbliss. Bryant was the bondsman for the marriages of Lucinda and Mildred Bland. Bryant and Margaret had at least two sons.<sup>185</sup>

(b) James Bland (C1804 - ) married Prudence Bland, his cousin and daughter of Samuel Bland on September 28, 1825.<sup>186</sup>

(c) Catherine Bland, (C1809 - ) who married Samuel Bland on July 11, 1826, in Hardin County Kentucky.<sup>187</sup>

(d) Eleanor "Nelly" Bland, (C1811 - ) married William McMackin in Nelson County, Kentucky on January 18, 1828. Eleanor survived McMackin and remarried to a Mr. Howard<sup>188</sup>

(e) Mary "Polly" Bland, who married William Russell on June 18, 1831.<sup>189</sup>

(f) Lucinda Bland, (C1817 - ) married John Keynon in Nelson County on May 14, 1834.<sup>190</sup>

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accurate, John and Samuel are the two eldest children of Samuel Bland. I cannot reconcile this with anything I know of and would appreciate help in doing so. Elizabeth is found in the 1850 Census for Oldham County Kentucky, Page 145, Dwelling 287, where Elizabeth is found living with Samuel Overstreet (1818 - ). Samuel was the husband of Martha Bland. Elizabeth is reported as aged 78. Mary Manby told me that her name was Shumate although it was variously spelled Shewmake, Shewmate and Shewmaker

<sup>185</sup> Information about Bryant is found in AC 1-2, p. 12 and AC 2-2, p. 30

<sup>186</sup> See AC 1-2, p. 13, for the finding of Anne Hall that James was younger than Bryant and thus could not be the James Bland, who turns out to have been the brother of his father. AC 2-2, p. 30. Samuel Bland was bondsman.

<sup>187</sup> VU p. 458. AC 2-2, p. 30.

<sup>188</sup> This marriage was witnessed by Isaac Bland, who also was bondsman. AC 2-2, p. 30. AC 3-1, p. 26.

<sup>189</sup> AC 2-2, p. 30. Bryant Bland was bondsman.

<sup>190</sup> VU p. 458. AC 2-2, p. 30. Bryant Bland stood bond. Cf, AC 3-1, p. 26.

(g) Mildred Bland (c1819 - ) married Joseph Bridewell in Nelson County on February 8, 1836. <sup>191</sup>

(h) Frances, "Fanny" Bland, (c1820 ) married James Glass on June 6, 1836 in Nelson County. <sup>192</sup>

(i) Martha Bland Martha must have been born about 1821. In 1838, she married Samuel P. Overstreet in Oldham County Kentucky. John's widow Elizabeth, after he died, moved to Oldham County as well. <sup>193</sup>

(j) Margaret Bland married William Hutchinson, identified in John's will as "my son in law." <sup>194</sup>

(2) Samuel Bland (C1775 - 1830) I am suggesting that Samuel is the second son of Samuel Bland because Samuel would name his first son after his father and his second after himself. Samuel made his will October 15, 1830 and it was probated November 8, 1830. Samuel mentioned possession of lands in Lewis County Missouri. <sup>195</sup>

(3) Margaret "Peggy" Bland, (C1783 - 1804) married a cousin from the Randolph County North Carolina family, Moses Bland (C1772- after 1850) on November 24, 1800. They had a single child, Elizabeth Bland (1804-1836), who married Ambrose Knott in Nelson County Kentucky on December 1, 1828. <sup>196</sup>

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<sup>191</sup> VU, p. 458. AC 2-2, p. 30. Bryant Bland was bondsman.

<sup>192</sup> VU, p. 458, AC 2-2, p. 31. James Bland was bondsman.

<sup>193</sup> AC 1-2, p. 12 and 2-2, p. 31.

<sup>194</sup> Margaret is not listed in the enumeration of children of John Bland and Elizabeth Shewmaker that appears in AC 2-2, p. 30-31.

<sup>195</sup> VU. pp. 455-456 and James, Bland Family Court and Bible Records P. 50. Samuel's executor was Isaac Bland, his brother. Ann Joy Scott of Kansas City Missouri wrote me on March 13, 1996 of James Bland (1793-1849, below) "I found him and his brother Samuel in Lewis County Missouri, with land patents there in 1831 and 1829. There was a James Bland in Lewis County in 1840 Census, while my James Bland supposedly settled in Warren County Missouri in 1825 and he was there for the 1830 and 1840 census.

<sup>196</sup> VU, p. 348, 456-457. When Elizabeth married Ambrose Knott, Samuel Bland, her uncle, stood as witness for her and declared himself the brother of Moses Bland, her father. Lest this cast everyone in confusion, it is probable that he used a more intimate term to signify that they were brothers in law. An indenture in Nelson County, March 31, 1836, identifies Ambrose Knott and speaks of his wife, "the late Elizabeth Bland" suggesting that Elizabeth's

(4) Isaac Bland (September 27, 1788 - October 30, 1840) Isaac witnessed and was bondsman for the marriage of his sister Eleanor to William McMackin. Isaac went to Lewis County Missouri about 1828, and his dates are taken from his tombstone there.<sup>197</sup> Isaac married Nancy Floyd February 13, 1813 - May 26, 1846) in Lewis County in 1832. After Isaac died, Nancy remarried to G.K. Biggs and moved to Clark County Missouri. Children of Isaac and Nancy were:

<sup>198</sup>

(a) Josephus Bland (July 13, 1833 - 1917) born in Lewis County Missouri, Josephus traveled to California about 1852. He returned to Missouri and married Mary Duncan on February 22, 1855 and they had a family of five children.

(b) Joanna Bland (c1835 - ) who married F.Y. Cowgill.

(c) Thomas H. Benton Bland (1837-1857) did not marry

(d) Elizabeth Bland (c1840-1877) who married Collin Duncan.

(e) Unnamed son.

(5) James Bland (February 23, 1793 - June 6, 1849).<sup>199</sup> James was born in Nelson County Kentucky and died in Warren County Missouri. He married Mary Wiatt or Wyatt (May 28, 1799 - December

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dates should be changed to 1804-1836.

<sup>197</sup> Earlier references AC 2-1, p. 12, to Isaac as having died in Scotland County Missouri, were in error. Scotland was formed from Lewis in 1850. Isaac may have lived in the area that became Scotland.

<sup>198</sup> AC 1-2, p. 13 and AC 2-2, p. 30. This is confirmed by information in the 1850 Census which finds George Biggs on page 290-291, dwelling 691, living with minor children Josephus Bland (1833 - ) Joanne Bland (1835 - ) and Elizabeth Bland (1840 - ).

<sup>199</sup> Anne Hall wrote me in 1983-1984 that in going through some of her family papers, she came across evidence that Samuel Bland Sr. was indeed the father of James Bland (1793-1849). In comparing James' signature on his marriage bond and his bond for his sister Mildred, Anne found similar upsweeping D in the final letter of Bland, like a cat's tail held high, which convinced her they were the same person. AC 1-2, p. 12 and AC 2-2, p. 29. A letter that I received from Ann Joy Scott of Kansas City Missouri, March 13, 1996, seemed skeptical. Ann Scott said she was Anne Hall's third cousin and had shared research with her in 1964.

20, 1877) on October 20, 1818. <sup>200</sup> Mary died in Paris Texas, where she was visiting her sons, but her residence was Liberty in Clay County Missouri. James and Mary had twelve children:

(a) William Wyatt Bland (August 10, 1819 - December 14, 1895). William was trained in medicine. He went to California but returned to Clay County Missouri and later went to Clinton County. He was elected to the Missouri State Senate in 1880. William married Annie Eliza Payne of Clinton Missouri on February 23, 1854 and they had seven children.

(b) Serena Anne Bland (February 23, 1821 - August 8, 1835).

(c) Perry T. Bland (May 24, 1823 - April 30, 1896) Married Sarah Jane \_\_\_\_\_ on June 14, 1849. One source indicates that Perry came to Texas in 1844, served in the Confederate Army and died in Austin Texas. <sup>201</sup>

(d) Lewis L. Bland (March 8, 1827 - October 20, 1844).

(e) John Samuel Bland (March 19, 1832 - March 6, 1891) John married Catherine McMillen Armstrong in Lamar County Texas. <sup>202</sup>

(f) Hedgeman Anderson Bland (October 10, 1829 - February 7, 1897). Hedgeman married Mary Rucker in Paris Texas, Lamar County.

(g) Rebecca Lou Bland, (April 24, 1834 - April 2, 1872) who married W.F. or G. Gordon of Clay County Missouri.

(h) Emmaline Bland, (August 10, 1837 - 1858) who married Abraham or Adam Frey. Their daughter Cora Fry, married a cousin James Bland, son of William Wyatt Bland.

(i) Emily Jane Bland (March 11, 1828 - September 10, 1909) who married (1) William Whipple Adams on June 6, 1842. Secondly, Emily married T.C. Gordon.

(j) C.D. Bland (1841-1842)

(k) James M. Bland (September 6, 1843 - May 11, 1865) James married Julia Sandusky.

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<sup>200</sup> VU, pp. 462-463. Mary's mother was Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_ Wyatt Anderson and her step father Hedgeman Anderson, who consented to her marriage. Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland, June 29, 1883, citing Stancliff, Nelson County Kentucky Marriage Bonds, 1784-1832 Vol. 1. P. 26.

<sup>201</sup> Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland, August 23, 1883. My previous information that Perry married a Lacey Wortlaw, was evidently in error. Bell Cook et. al., Ed. To Honor and Remember Colonists, Citizens and Soldiers of the republic of Texas and Others Buried in the State Cemetery, Austin Texas (May 26, 1986), p. 2.

<sup>202</sup> John and Hedgeman Bland moved to Paris Texas.



(1) Margaret, an infant daughter who died young.

(6) Eleanor "Nelly" Bland, (C1793 or 1794 - ) m. David Glass on January 3 or August 10, 1810. They had at least one son James Glass and a daughter Milly Glass.

(7) Mildred "Milly" (c1801 - ) Bland, married James Glass on May 25, 1818. The marriage was witnessed by James and Prudence Bland and consent was given by James.

(8) Nancy Bland (C1806 - ) married Daniel Bland, a cousin on (son of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes) September 24, 1823.<sup>203</sup> (See below, p. 69 (2)). Between 1830 and 1835 she married John Bird.

(9) Prudence Bland (C1808 - ) married a cousin James Bland on September 28, 1825 in Nelson County.

D. John Bland (C1752 - 1836).<sup>204</sup> As John Bland (C1725-1795) named his first son Osborne after his wife's family, John named his first son Thomas Morton Bland. There was a Thomas Morton with 400 acres on the Salt River in 1783. Richard Smith reasons that Thomas Morton was the father of the woman John Bland married. John then emulated the naming pattern of his father, naming his first son Thomas Morton for his father in law and his second son John, for his own father.<sup>205</sup> John was a co-executor of his father's estate.

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<sup>203</sup> AC 3-1, p. 29, clarifies that it was Daniel and not David, who married Nancy.

<sup>204</sup> Mary Virginia Manby to Charles L. Bland, October 11, 1983. John's will was made on July 16, 1836 and probated December 12, 1836. Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland February 6, 1983, citing Nelson County Deed Book 2, p. 143.

<sup>205</sup> Smith Op. Cit. Richard notes that inasmuch as both Thomas Morton Bland and John had daughters named Elizabeth, that their mother must have been Elizabeth Morton. Not bad reasoning inasmuch as Thomas Morton and wife Elizabeth sold 101 acres at Coxes Creek to John Stoner on August 7, 1799. Nelson County Pioneer, Vol VI, p. 74, Citing Nelson County Deed Book Five. Richard also reasons that Elizabeth Morton Bland's mothers name must have been Blandford, since Thomas Morton named his eldest son John Blandford Bland. This needs proof and Richard acknowledges its a "best guess" but that's what makes genealogy so much fun.

Richard shows that John Bland (1752- ) purchased 300 acres on the Rolling Fork River October 2, 1797, Washington County Deed Book

Richard Smith argues that two men, heretofore thought to be sons of John and Rachel Bland, were actually sons of John Bland and \_\_\_\_\_ Morton.

Richard argues that John and Margaret's third son John Bland (C1752-1836) is the father of Thomas Morton Bland (1772-1833) and John Bland (C1774-1819) for whom he produces strong evidence of a brother relationship. Richard advances good evidence that Thomas Morton, the elder of the two, could not have been born later than 1772, and thus the only three sons of John and Margaret old enough to be their father, would be Osborne, Samuel and John. I have earlier indicated evidence that Osborne had an elder son John Bland (1770-1842) <sup>206</sup> and Samuel Bland had John Bland (C1771-1835, pp. 54-56 above) mentioned a son John in his will of 1835. On the American frontier in the latter part of the Eighteenth century it was not common for a family to have two sons or daughters with the same name. That leaves John Bland, the third son of John and Margaret Osborne Bland, who was probably born around 1752. The other sons, assuming a chronological symmetry in John Bland's will, are too young.

(Richard says the problem of lineage of these two gents is confused by the fact that they were "running around Washington County" which has always led us to think they were sons of John and Rachel Bland). <sup>207</sup>

(1) Thomas Morton Bland (C1772-C1833) Richard Smith believes that Thomas and his brother John are sons of John Bland, whom he makes the second eldest of the sons of John Bland and Margaret Osborne. I think it is reasonable to follow the order of names as they appear on John Bland Senior's will of 1795 and still work in

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Book C, page 295. On December 12, 1797, Thomas Randolph and his wife Mary Bland, who was a daughter of John Bland and Margaret Osborn, sold a parcel of 100 acres on the Beech Fork of the Salt River, (See Map) to John Bland of Washington County, presumably John (C1752- ). The property adjoins the property of Daniel Bland, a son of John and Margaret Osborne Bland. Nelson County Deed Book 5, P. 359. AC 1-2, p. 15, shows a transfer of 215 acres between Thomas Morton Bland and John Bland in 1828, Washington County Deed Book J.

<sup>206</sup> AC 6-2, pp. 13-14

<sup>207</sup> I should note that in correspondence with me in 1983, both Juanita Max and Richard Smith agreed that Thomas Morton Bland and John Bland were brothers of Charles and Rolly Bland, but in some correspondence with me in late 1983, Juanita came to disagree and believed Charles and Rolly were brothers and sons of John and Rachel but that Thomas Morton and John belonged to another family.

the framework of Richard's hypothesis. Thomas married Ann Lawrence about 1792 and had: <sup>208</sup>

(a) John Blandford Bland (November 8, 1793 - March 30, 1861) married Sally Kenley, (May 21, 1793 - March 11, 1864) on February 27, 1815. <sup>209</sup> He moved to Simpson County in 1833 and lived near South Union. John and Sally are buried at the Pilot Knob Cemetery in Simpson County. He and Sally had a family of seven children. <sup>210</sup>

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<sup>208</sup> VU pp. 474-476 for children of Thomas Bland and Anne Lawrence. In 1984, Jane Dyer Arnold of Franklin Kentucky and Edith Lanning, now of Dunnellon Florida, provided substantial evidence linking Thomas Morton Bland and Anne Lawrence in a parent relationship with two additional sons, Milton and William Bland and a daughter Rachel. Those children are included in the list that follows. Cf, AC 1-2, pp. 15-16; AC 2-2, pp. 27-28; AC 3-1, pp. 26-28. AC 4-2, p. 36. According to a letter from Clara Beauchamp Babb Thomas and Ann were buried in Simpson County. Phyllis Goff, in 1987, submitted information that suggested a connection between the Randolph County North Carolina Blands and Lawrences, and those in the Nelson-Washington County area C1780-1800. Briefly, Thomas Arbuckle, who married Elizabeth Lawrence, a sister of Solomon and Joseph Lawrence, was a co-testator to the marriage in 1786 between Prudence Bland and George Watt (see page 31D above). James Arbuckle, who married Susan Bland (page 31C above) was the son of Thomas Arbuckle and Elizabeth Lawrence. James and Susan moved to Clark County Indiana about 1815, with James' parents. The family of James Bland and Ann Johnston of the Randolph County North Carolina branch, was found in the Indiana Territory, what became Clark County, from 1799-1812. Back in Randolph County, William Lawrence had married Caty Bland, a daughter of Moses Bland (C1718-1800). Thomas Morton Bland married Ann Lawrence about 1792. AC 5-2, pp. 25, 27.

<sup>209</sup> Per Jane Dyer Arnold, AC 2-2, p. 27, the dates listed for John Blandford Bland are from his tombstone. John Bland and Sally Kenley's dates, as well as several of their children's, taken from tomb stone markings, are found in Judy Broderson, Comp. Greelawn Cemetery and Pilot Knob Cemetery, Simpson County, Franklin Township, Kentucky. Jane also gives John's marriage date to Sally (Jane says) Kenley, not Kendley, as March 2, 1815. Cf AC 4-2, p. 36. John and Sally are found in the 1850 Census for Simpson County, Page 50, dwelling 677. John is identified as 57, a farmer worth \$4,000.

<sup>210</sup> Ibid. The 1850 Census lists eight, lists a Harriet Neely, age 31, living in John and Sally's household.

(b) William Bland, (December 21, 1794 - 1875) According to Edith Lanning, who provided pages from The House of Wilson,<sup>211</sup> a Mariah Wilson (April 22, 1802 - 1897/1898),<sup>212</sup> daughter of Josiah Wilson of Washington County Kentucky, married William Bland, "son of Thomas" on August 22, 1818.<sup>213</sup> William Bland is said to have had a large property near Webbs Kentucky on the Green River, adjoining the land of Berry Carter. William Bland and Berry Carter operated a tannery, had several slaves (besides their wives) and were said to have become wealthy.<sup>214</sup> Note that Josiah Wilson's son Anthony married Elizabeth Bland (d) below. William and Mariah Bland lived out their old age in residence with their granddaughter Harriet Bland Coleman. William and Mariah had a family of six children.<sup>215</sup>

(c) Polly (Mary) Bland (C1799 - ) married Thomas Pearce in Washington County March 21, 1816.<sup>216</sup>

(d) Rachel Bland. (C1800 - ) The House of Wilson also made reference to a marriage by William E. Wilson, son of Josiah

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<sup>211</sup> By Lloyd R. Bland of Argonia Kansas, pp. 72-73. Lloyd Bland is discussed in AC 4-2, p. 37. Jane Midtby also supplied pages from The House of Wilson.

<sup>212</sup> Ibid. The House of Wilson states that Mariah Wilson Bland died in 1897 at age 96.

<sup>213</sup> Bland-Menaugh, "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky," p. 170.

<sup>214</sup> The House of Wilson, p. 72.

<sup>215</sup> the 1850 Census for Marion County Kentucky, Page 383, Dwelling 787, shows William, age 55, born in Maryland, living with a wife Mariah, age 49 and children William, age 22; Jane, age 21; Mariah, age 15 and Harriet, age 13. As an interesting aside, The House of Wilson shows William and Mariah's son Josiah married to "Berry Carter's only Daughter." The 1850 Census for Green County, Page 97, Dwelling 257, finds Little B. Carter age 50 and his wife Harriet, age 46, with Josiah Bland, age 25, and Sarah A.E. Bland, age 21. They had one child, a daughter Nancy C. Bland, age 1. Berry Carter was married to Harriet Wilson, sister to Mariah Wilson, who married William Bland (1794-1875), AC 2-2, p. 28 and AC 4-2, p. 36. I am grateful to Virginia Cox for her letters of September 18, 1895, November 3, 1995 and December 3, 1995 detailing her line of descent through Josiah Bland and Sarah Carter. This information will be covered in Volume 14 of Among Cousins.

<sup>216</sup> Margaret Kingston, Washington County Marriage Records: 1792-1878 p. 136.



Wilson, who married a Rachel Bland. They were married December 22, 1817.<sup>217</sup>

(e) Elizabeth Bland (C1801 - March 15, 1833) married Anthony Wilson, a son of Josiah Wilson, December 21, 1818. Elizabeth died of pneumonia and her husband moved to Kansas after her death.

(f) Samuel Lawrence Bland (March 29, 1802 - April 1, 1839). Richard Smith reasons that Samuel Lawrence was named after his mother's father. Samuel married Harriet Phillips (1808-1856) in Nelson County Kentucky January 12, 1829. They are buried at Mill Creek Cemetery in Nelson County.<sup>218</sup>

(g) Milton Bland (July 10, 1806 - November 25, 1863). Milton is buried in Pilot Knob Cemetery, Simpson County Kentucky. He married Almira Kendley (January 7, 1808 - February 28, 1883)<sup>219</sup> in Mercer County on February 7, 1832. Milton and Almira had three children. Milton is buried at the Pilot Knob Cemetery in Simpson County.<sup>220</sup>

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<sup>217</sup> There is a note somewhere that they married January 23, 1817 but May Conway, Washington County Marriage Bonds: 1792-1825 and Bland-Menaugh Correspondence "Marriages in Springfield Kentucky" p. 166, reflects the December 22, 1817 date. Rachel is identified as Thomas Bland's daughter. Discussion about William and Rachel Bland and their marriages to Josiah Wilson's children is found in AC 2-2, pp. 28-30; Cf AC 4-2, pp. 36-37.

<sup>218</sup> AC 1-2, p. 15, Nelson County Deed Book 22, June 20, 1839, pp. 278-279, shows the heirs of Samuel Bland as John B. Bland, James T. Bland, Jane Bland, Samuel Bland and Elizabeth Bland. In the 1850 Census for Nelson County, Harriet Phillips Bland is found on page 363, dwelling 349. Richard Smith is related to this family through John Bemis Bland, son of Samuel Lawrence Bland and Harriet Phillips. Smith Op. Cit. and VU, pp. 475-476. John Bemis Bland (I called him James in VU) lived from 1831-1910. He married Margaret Hill and had by her a daughter Elizabeth Bland (1861-1936) who married Joseph Catlett. Elizabeth and Joseph had a daughter Marguerite, who married Homer Smith, parents of Richard Smith. The family of Samuel Lawrence Bland and Harriet Phillips is fully articulated in AC 4-2, p. 37. Harriet Bland also gave birth to an unnamed child October 1853 and a daughter Clara, December 1, 1854. I saw the graves of Samuel and Harriet when I visited Kentucky in 1985. Harriet touches my heart.

<sup>219</sup> Broderson, Op. Cit. The date given for Almira's birth is May 15, 1816.

<sup>220</sup> AC 2-2, pp. 27-28. A photo of Almira Kendley appears on page 27A of AC 2-2. Sarah Bland, (1833-1913) married Phillip Kennerly Arnold. Their son, Milton Bland Arnold married Lydia Emma Turner. Their son, James Phillip Arnold, married my correspondent

(h) Lucinda Bland (December 13, 1807 - September 15, 1843) married Samuel Pottinger Phillips on September 23, 1828.<sup>221</sup>

(i) Adeline Bland (C1812- ) married Gregory Glasscock in Washington County, April 11, 1829.

(j) Leland Bland (March 13, 1812 - June 7, 1850) Leland married a cousin, Lydia Bland, (March 15, 1812 - January 31, 1869) daughter of William Bland (1765-1850) of Nelson County. They were married on October 24, 1831 in Nelson County. Leland, Lydia and their children are buried in the Red Mill Cemetery in Hardin County Kentucky.<sup>222</sup>

(k) Lydia Bland. Nothing more is known of Lydia.

(1) John Bland (1774-1819)<sup>223</sup> married Nancy Edmonston on

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Jane Elizabeth Dyer. Milton and Almira are found in the Logan County Kentucky Census for 1850, Page 46, dwelling 679. Later descendants of this family are discussed in AC 9-2, pp. 33-34.

<sup>221</sup> Samuel and Lucinda are briefly mentioned in Michael and Bettie Anne Cook, Pioneer History of Washington County Kentucky (1980), p. 27, hereafter referred to in notes as Cook and Cook. Kingston, p. 139. Maguire, p. 7, states that the bond was issued on September 22 and the marriage took place September 23, 1828. Paggy Rush, Minnetonka Minnesota, wrote me September 18, 1988 stating that she believes Samuel Pottinger is the son of James and Elizabeth Pottinger.

<sup>222</sup> See below, family of William Bland and Sarah Peake. AC 3-1, pp. 27-28 and AC 4-2, p. 38. The widow Lydia Bland and her brood of little Bland younguns is found in Hardin County 1850 Census, Page 386, Dwelling 32.

<sup>223</sup> For the date of John's death: In AC 1-2, p. 15, there is reference to a will of John Bland, January 8, 1825. Bland-Menaugh, Washington County Kentucky Will Book D, p. 95, distributes slaves named French, Dangerfield, Minor, Sharlott, Sissey, Major and James to his children. Again, in Gerald Thompson, Kentucky Catholic Pioneers, Vol 1, "The Rolling Fork Settlement", p. 90, entry 1235, Daniel Purdy marries Elizabeth Bland, daughter of the widow Nancy Bland, bond posted November 29, 1824. Washington County Package 216, July 13, 1820, Bland-Menaugh, speaks of John Bland, deceased. Washington County Deed Book H, P. 48, February 13, 1822, names Nancy Bland a dower widow of John Bland.

March 14, 1796 in Washington County Kentucky. <sup>224</sup> In an entry in Washington County Records John Bland in 1806 is named guardian of an orphan, James Edmonston. In 1807, Thomas Morton Bland and his wife Anne Lawrence as well as John Bland and Nancy Edmonston, deed 300 acres on Rolling Fork of the Salt River. In 1818 John and his wife Nancy deed 100 acres at the head of Cartwright Creek to Wilson Edmonston. In another transaction, <sup>225</sup> John identified the following children in his will:

(a) Thomas S. Bland (C1797 - died before 1850). A marriage bond to Thomas S. Bland to marry Kesiah Simpson (1813 - living in 1881, was issued in Washington County Kentucky October 3, 1837. <sup>226</sup> The 1850 Census, shows Kesiah Bland in Marion County Kentucky, (created from Washington in 1834) with sons Simpson Bland (C1838 - ); Marion Bland (C1840- ); Fletcher Bland (C1842- ) and Crittenden (C1848 - ). <sup>227</sup> A child named Melvin Bland was born to Kesiah April 15, 1853, but no father was listed. There are a series of later transactions between Kesiah Bland and Jasper Bland, 1865-1881. <sup>228</sup>

(b) Elizabeth Bland (1803-1864) married Daniel Purdy December 2, 1824. <sup>229</sup> Elizabeth Bland Purdy is buried in the Holy

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<sup>224</sup> Bland-Menaugh "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky", p. 12. Patty Edmonston was witness. This would negate the possibility that this John Bland married Hannah Lewellen. VU, p. 457.

<sup>225</sup> Bland-Menaugh Correspondence, Washington County Kentucky Deed Book 7, p. 127, August 4, 1818; Washington County Order Book 1, p. 436. November 3, 1806; Deed Book C, P. 295, August 18, 1807.

<sup>226</sup> Juanita Max to Charles L. Bland, June 28, 1990, says they were married October 3, 1827 and Maguire, Washington County Marriage Records 1826-1835, reflects a bond posted on October 3, 1837. The 1837 date fits the children enumerated in the 1850 census and seems more plausible in that John, age 40 would be marrying a 24 year old woman, rather than John, age 30, marrying a 14 year old. Sources are all secondary. Anyone who could produce a replica of the actual marriage license, please do. The implication may be that children born between 1828-1838 may already be gone from the household.

<sup>227</sup> Page 380, dwelling 744, cf. AC 4-2, p. 34.

<sup>228</sup> AC 4-2, p. 34. For Jasper, see Juanita Max to Charles L. Bland, January 30, 1985.

<sup>229</sup> Bond was posted for this marriage on November 29, 1824 per Gerald Thompson, Kentucky Catholic Pioneers, Vol 1, "The Rolling Fork Settlement", entry 1235, page 90. AC 1-2, p. 16. Daniel and Elizabeth Bland Purdy had a daughter Iola Bell Purdy, who married

Name of Mary Parish Cemetery in Washington County, near the family of John Bland (1798-1873) and Marey Roley (1804-1873) above (see above, page 19).

(c) Martha "Patsy" Bland. Martha married Joseph Liston in Washington County May 23, 1826 and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois.<sup>230</sup>

(d) Susan or Susannah Bland, married William Wright on April 16, 1827 and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois. By 1868, they were back in Marion County Kentucky.<sup>231</sup>

(e) Mary Bland

(f) Sarah "Sally" Bland, married Harvey Sharpe and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois.

(g) John Blandford Bland (C1818 - 1867/1874). The 1850 Census for Marion County finds a John B. Bland, born in Kentucky, living with Burnice (Glazebrook) who was born in 1831.<sup>232</sup>

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married Lela Madelina Brown and they were parents of Juanita Faulkner Max, my correspondent. Daniel Purdy's parents were Henry Purdy and Nancy Smith, who were married March 13, 1793. Henry and Nancy were also in the maternal line of descent for Jaunaita Max. Henry also married Ann Scarbrough Stayton, daughter of Joseph Staton and Scarbrough Mathews. Ann was the sister of Catherine Stayton, who married Charles Bland in 1795 (see above, p. ). Joseph Staton was the son of Warrington Staton, thence the source of names in the family of Charles Bland and Catherine Stayton. Nancy Smith was the daughter of Presley Smith and Nancy Kinchloe. Presley Smith was the son of James Smith, (C1723-1785) who was the brother of Thomas Smith, who was the father of Fleming Smith who married Prudence Bland (1750-1815). Daniel Purdy and Elizabeth Bland are found in the 1850 Census for Marion County on Page 334, Dwelling 113. This information is found in Pearl O. Smith, "Peter Smith of Westmoreland County Virginia." March 1973, pp. 11-12 and in Juanita Max to Charles L. Bland, February 2, 1990, and June 28, 1990.

<sup>230</sup> AC 4-2, p. 38 and AC 5-2, p. 29. Joseph is listed as Leaton in Kingston, p. 102. Kingston misspell's Daniel Purdy's name, Note 229 above, as Picardy. A Joseph Liston also was bondsman for a marriage between Mary Bland and Redmond Preuitt, (p. 30, N. 88 above).

<sup>231</sup> Ibid. Also, Maguire, Washington County Marriage Records: 1826-1835 p. 8.

<sup>232</sup> AC 1-2, p. 15. 1850 Census, Page 410, Dwelling 210. Joyce Bland McCool interpreted it as Burnice or Bonita. Two children are listed, Sarah E. Bland, age 5, and Nancy E. Bland, age 2. Another child, Mary F. Bland, was born May 12, 1852. In AC 4-2, p. 35, I speculated that John's wife's maiden name was Glasebrook. Juanita



E. Isaac Bland - (C1756 - 1820) He was a signatory to the suit against Cuthbert Harrison in 1812. There is some information that suggests Isaac died in 1820 in Louisiana and that he married a woman named Jane McKee, but whereas in the complaint against Cuthbert Harrison, wives of Isaac's siblings's were identified, there was no mention of Jane. This leads me to believe that Jane McKee married another Isaac. <sup>233</sup>

F. Elijah Bland (C1760 - ) Elijah married Elizabeth Duncan on January 3, 1809. <sup>234</sup>

G. Mildred Bland Mildred's dates are uncertain and it is difficult to speculate about them. She married William Hughes probably in Virginia before they left for Kentucky. There is some speculation that she may be the widow of Henry Bland, and daughter in law of Thomas Bland (1719-1788), the brother of John Bland (1725-1795). Henry probably died sometime between 1777 and 1788 and there would have been opportunity for Mildred to marry William Hughes before departing for Kentucky. She is identified as Hughes wife in the family's complaint against Cuthbert Harrison in 1812. <sup>235</sup>

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speculated that John's wife's maiden name was Glasebrook. Juanita Max believes the marriage records were destroyed by a fire in the courthouse in 1863. Marion County Deed book 4, p. 127, November 1867, shows that J.B. Bland is still alive (the deed was signed by Berency Bland and J.M. Bland), while Deed Book 8, P. 164, May 8, 1874, shows that Burnice Bland is a widow.

<sup>233</sup> VU, pp. 458-459. Betty Turpin, pointed out that Isaac was not on the tithable lists for Nelson Count 1785-1790 and thus may not have been 21 by 1790. Turpin History, p. 1. Isaac Bland deeded 202 acres on Simpson's creek in Nelson County to Daniel Bland, March 20, 1807. Deed Book 7, Page 615, Bland-Menaugh; 2Ac 4-2, pp. 29-30.

<sup>234</sup> Betty Turpin points out that Elijah was not on the Nelson County Titheable list for 1785-1790, and thus was not 21 by 1790. History, p. 1. Isaac and Elijah are both mentioned together in John Bland's will and both are granted land when John's wife dies, plus the children of a slave woman named Lucy. Both appeared in the 1812 suit against Cuthbert Harrison and Elijah is married to a woman named Elizabeth. If Elijah married Elizabeth Duncan, she must have been a second wife, for he would have been pushing 50 in 1809.

<sup>235</sup> Ruth B. Webb French, Ferndale Michigan, suggests an interesting idea. John Bland in 1795 left a bequest to Nancy Bland, "daughter to Henry Bland", was also the daughter of Mildred Bland, who married William Hughes as a widow." Ruth Webb to Charles L. Bland, April 29, 1985. Henry Bland is discussed in VU, pp. 371-372.

H. Daniel Bland (C1764 - 1838) Daniel Bland married Elizabeth Hughes (C1779 - ) on January 12 or 14, 1796. He was a coexecutor of his father's estate. <sup>236</sup> Daniel and Elizabeth had the following children:

(1) John H. Bland (December 23, 1800 - October 23, 1870) who married Mary Ann Creager (C1799 - October 17, 1870) on January 4, 1820 in Hardin County Kentucky. In his bible record, probably at the time of Mary Ann's death, John wrote "she was a kind, affectionate wife to me near 50 years, age about 71 years." Less than a week later, John followed Mary Ann to the grave. John and Mary had eight children: <sup>237</sup>

(a) Elizabeth Bland (November 1, 1821 - January 28, 1856) who married Nathan Van Metre in Hardin County Kentucky, February 21, 1838. Elizabeth died of typhoid fever. They had seven children. <sup>238</sup>

(b) Anna Barbara Bland, (April 15 1824 - December 7 or 9, 1874) who married William Van Metre on May 12, 1847.

(c) William T. Bland (September 16, 1827 - January 12, 1850), who died of consumption.

(d) Daniel Bland (October 25, 1825 - September 1826) died of the bold hives.

(e) Louisa Bland (May 21, 1830 - February 12, 1849), Louisa died of bronchitis.

(f) Matilda Bland, (March 24, 1833 - June 21, 1853) Matilda died of consumption.

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<sup>236</sup> Daniel was identified in Kentucky land transactions as early as 1785. Bland-Menaugh Correspondence, "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky" p. 13. John Bland, Elizabethtown Kentucky, reported that they were married by Terah Templin AC 2-2, pp. 31-32; AC 3-2, p. 43

<sup>237</sup> VU. p. 459 and AC 1-1, p. 9. Joseph H., Thomas W. and Evan Van Meter all mentioned Unrecorded deeds in Hardin County Kentucky, Commissioners Deed March 18, 1872, names the children of John and Mary except for Elizabeth. Bland-Menaugh Correspondence. Marshall Van Meter, Tullahoma Tennessee to Charles L. Bland, November 4, 1991, supplied bible records of John H. Bland himself dated 1858 and Joseph Van Meter, father of Hinton Van Meter, who married John's daughter Mary Ellen Bland. Mary Ann was the daughter of Daniel A. and Anna Barbara Creager. AC 10-1, pp. 45-46. AC 11-2, p. 20.

<sup>238</sup> AC 10-1, p. 45.

(g) Mary Ellen Bland (November 21, 1835 - August 26, 1875) who married Hinton Briscoe Van Metre on August 3, 1852. They had five children. <sup>239</sup>

(h) Jane Bland (May 7, 1838 - July 7, 1839)

(2) Daniel Bland (1802 - before 1835) Daniel married Nancy Bland, a daughter of Samuel Bland, in Nelson County Kentucky, September 24, 1823. Daniel must have died before 1835, for the will of Samuel Bland (C1775-1830) shows a sister Nancy Bird rather than Nancy Bland. (see above, p. 59, Par (8)). <sup>240</sup>

(3) Jesse Henry Bland (October 7, 1805 - August 21, 1862). Jesse married Elizabeth Spurrier (July 26, 1805 - August 30, 1884) on June 4, 1827. Jesse and Elizabeth were parents of: <sup>241</sup>

(a) John Daniel Bland (1828-1876) of Sonora Kentucky, who married Mary Angeline Lampton (1835-1919) on February 24, 1853. They were the parents of one son. <sup>242</sup>

(b) Daniel S. Bland (June 30, 1830 - November 18, 1912), who married twice. First, to Nancy E. Van Meter (August 18, 1842 - February 19, 1880) on October 5, 1858. Daniel and Nancy had a family of nine children, only one of which lived to adulthood. Second Daniel married Fannie Wilson, (February 1, 1850 -December 27, 1934). <sup>243</sup>

(c) Thomas Osborne Bland (July 2, 1832 - September 25, 1898) Thomas married Emily Ann Lampton (November 25, 1837 - 1918) and had ten children by her. Thomas was a farmer. he and Emily are buried at the Lampton Cemetery on Lipton Melrose Road in Hardin County Kentucky. <sup>244</sup>

(d) Bailey S. Bland (1837-1907) Married Bettie (C1837 - ) and they had five children.

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<sup>239</sup> AC 10-1, p. 46.

<sup>240</sup> AC 11-2, p. 20.

<sup>241</sup> AC 3-1, pp. 29-30. Jesse and Elizabeth are enumerated in the 1850 Census for Hardin County, page 387, Dwelling 42. A photo of Elizabeth Spurrier appears in AC 4-1, p. 11. AC 11-2, p. 20.

<sup>242</sup> Photos of John Daniel Bland, Mary Angeline Lampton and their son William Henry Bland, as well as a photo of Mary Elizabeth Akers, wife of William Henry Bland, and their children appears in AC 4-1, pp. 12-13.

<sup>243</sup> AC 2-2, pp. 31-32; AC 3-1, p. 29; AC 3-2, p. 43.

<sup>244</sup> John W. Bland, Elizabethtown Kentucky, sent me a family chart for Thomas Osborne Bland that I included with materials for AC 7-2, but did not publish.

(e) Matilda Bland (C1838 - )<sup>245</sup>

(f) Elizabeth Bland (1841 - )

(g) Phebe Bland (1844 - )

(h) Jessie H. Bland (July 12, 1846 - July 3, 1883). Jesse married Mary Ann Van Meter (November 10, 1848 - August 8, 1915) on October 21, 1869.<sup>246</sup>

(i) Mary A. Bland (1847 - ).

(5) Samuel Bland (C1806 - July 27, 1864). By legend, Samuel was a physically formidable man, big and barrel chested, (more or less confirmed by his appearance in a photo displayed in AC 11-2, on page 35). He appears to have lived his early life in Hardin County Kentucky where he married Frances Baskett (C1809 - 1840) on March 23, 1830. They were married by Warren Cash, a popular minister who was the ancestor of Johnny Cash. Samuel and Frances must have left home straight away for they are found in the 1830 Census for Montgomery County Missouri (antecedent to Warren County). They later moved to Macon County and after 1850 to Putnam County Missouri, where he was killed by some guerilla style fighters called "Baldknobbers", northern sympathizers, during the Civil War. Tough as Samuel was, when they hit him with three shots in the chest, he gave way and died. Samuel married three women in his life, and had sixteen children between them. With his first wife, Frances Baskett, Samuel had:<sup>247</sup>

(a) William Bland (after October 21, 1830 - ) William was born in White Township, Macon County Missouri. William married Adaline Cummings on September 7, 1856.

(b) Eliza Susan Bland (C1832 - ) Susan was born in White township. She married Irwin I. Kirby August 20, 1854.

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<sup>245</sup> Spelled Malinda in the 1850 Census.

<sup>246</sup> Cf note 203 above. Cf, AC 4-2, p. 29.

<sup>247</sup> AC 3-1, p. 30. AC 12-12, pp. 39-40. That Samuel Bland was the son of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes is confirmed by John W. Bland to Charles L. Bland, September 10, 1993 and Hardin County Kentucky Marriage Book A (1830) pp. 198-199. Also Greg Bland to Charles L. Bland, September 25, 1893. In the marriage of Samuel Bland and Frances Baskett, Daniel Bland is identified as Samuel's father and gives consent to the marriage in a certificate proven by Samuel's brother Thomas Osborne Bland. Frances was certified "of full age." The story of Samuel's demise appears in AC 11-2, p. 20. The names and dates of his children appear in AC 11-2, pp. 22-26. Most of the information about Samuel and his three wives comes from Greg Bland's Bland: Tracing the Common Thread, a Family History (C1988).



(c) Kitty Ann Bland (C1834 - ). Kitty was born in White Township. She married William Howard, February 24, 1856.

(d) John Bland (C1836 - ) John was born in White Township. He married Mary Ann Irwin and had with her a family of five children.

(e) Nancy Bland (C1838 - ) Nancy was born in White Township. She married Saloman Kerby or Kirby on October 28, 1855.

(f) Daniel Bland (C1840 - ) Daniel was born in White Township. He married Matilda E. Kirkpatrick on October 7, 1866.

Following the death of Frances Baskett, who died about 1840, Samuel married Polly Huckaby (C1810 - 1860/1861) on April 21, 1842. Their children were: <sup>248</sup>

(g) Rebecca Bland (C1842 - January 18, 1940). Rebecca, who was known as "Aunt Becky", was born in White Township. She married William Lawson on February 13, 1864. She survived Lawson and remarried but names of other husbands are not available.

(h) Jane Bland (C1844 - ) was born in White Township. She married John Gates on October 14, 1863.

(i) Olive/Olivia Frances Bland, also known as Mary Frances Bland (January 11, 1846 - April 27, 1915) married Eli Hudson on December 6, 1867. Eli appears to have married Olive's sister Martha Bland (see (l) below). Mary Frances was an historian of the family.

(j) Armilda Bland (C1853 - ) was born at Elm Township, Putnam County Missouri, (Grayville at that time). Armilda married William Boyd on March 18, 1863. <sup>249</sup>

(k) Lucretia Bland (C1854 - ) was born in Elm Township. She married Richard Arnold on March 8, 1867.

(l) Martha Bland (December 5, 1857 - June 5, 1936). Martha married John P. Lawson, and Eli Hudson, who had earlier married Martha's sister Olive (see (i) above).

(m) Phoebe Ellen (Melvina) Bland (September 17, 1858 - ), was born in Elm Township. She married John Sumpter Jr.

(n) James Bland (C1860-1931) was born in Elm Township. James married first, Mary Ann \_\_\_\_\_ and Effa "Effie" Hudson (C1860-1906) on November 19, 1879.

Polly Huckaby must have died about 1860. On July 6, 1863, Samuel Bland married Alicy Bradshaw Clark (May 25, 1841 - January 21, 1909) in Putnam County Missouri. <sup>250</sup> By this time, Samuel was dividing his attention between Alicy and the Baldknobbers and hid

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<sup>248</sup> Polly's photo is displayed with Samuel in AC 11-2, p. 35.

<sup>249</sup> Regarding Armilda's date of birth, cf AC 11-2, p. 24, n. 56.

<sup>250</sup> Alicy's photo appears in AC 11-2, p. 36.

out in the woods most nights, so in the short time left to them, Alicy and Samuel had one child:

(o) Andrew Bland (May 20, 1864 - 1917). Andrew was a colorful fellow, as indeed we all would be if more were known about us. He was born in Elm Township, and is buried at the Butler Cemetery. Andrew married Mary Viola Cowell about 1891 and they had a family of thirteen children.<sup>251</sup>

(6) Thomas Osborne Bland, (C1808 - ) married his cousin Augustian Bland, daughter of William Bland and Sarah Peake, in Hardin County, February 8, 1834 (p. 75 (11)).<sup>252</sup>

(7) Mildred Bland, (C1810 - ) married David Stark in Hardin County on July 30, 1828.

(8) Nancy Bland (C1810 - ) Married Squire Snyder in Hardin County on May 27, 1827.

(9) Sarah Bland (C1815 - ) Married Charles Barlow in Hardin County, April 8, 1833.

I. William Bland (C1765-1850). William was born in Prince William County Virginia. He moved to Kentucky in the early 1780s but seems to have returned to Virginia to marry and then remained there for about a decade, (He was married in Virginia in 1794 and his second son Daniel was born in Virginia in 1803). He returned to Kentucky and lived in Nelson County until 1831, when he moved to Hardin County and lived, presumably near some cousin relatives along Nolin Creek for the rest of his life. William married Sarah Peake, (1769-1844) who was from Frankfort Virginia, about 1794. William and Sarah are buried in the Red Mill Cemetery in Hardin County Kentucky. They had a large family of eighteen children, including:<sup>253</sup>

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<sup>251</sup> Cf AC 11-2, pp. 24-26.

<sup>252</sup> Thomas witnessed the 1830 marriage of his brother Samuel, suggesting that he was born about 1808, rather than 1813 as previously noted.

<sup>253</sup> VU pp. 459-460. James Bland (1780-1829) who married Susannah Starke (1783-1852) in 1800 moved out to Kentucky and settled near Nolin River in Hardin County. He was the son of John Bland's brother Thomas (C1719-1788). See VU, pp. 478-479. Further information about the family of William Bland is provided in AC 3-1, pp. 27-28. Reference to the first two sons of William Bland and Sarah Peake indicate that they may have been married in Virginia. Their children are detailed in AC 11-2, pp. 26-33.

(1) John Daniel Bland (December 5, 1795 - July 25, 1861) The 1850 Census for Cedar County Missouri states that John was born in Virginia. He moved to Kentucky and then to Ohio, where he found a wife, Rebecca Rene or Raine (June 25, 1802 - November 16, 1872), who was born in Ohio, about 1824.<sup>254</sup> John and Rebecca moved to Illinois and then to Cedar County Missouri, where he was found in the 1850 Census. At the time, John was worth \$1,000. which made him financially comfortable though probably not prosperous (Abe Lincoln was pulling down \$10,000. per year as a highly paid attorney at about the same time). John and Rebecca are buried in Love Cemetery in Cedar County. They were parents of five children:<sup>255</sup>

(a) Nancy Bland (April 7, 1823 - January 8, 1868) Nancy was born in Ohio. She never married and is buried at Love Cemetery.

(b) William H. Bland (1829 - 1915) William was born in Illinois. He married first, Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ and second Mary Catherine Dale (1837-1901). William and Mary Catherine are buried at Love Cemetery. They had a family of seven children.

(c) John Bland (C1832 - ) John was born in Illinois. Beside his name, the Census Taker wrote "Gone to California." Family legend has it that he was killed by the indians before he got there.

(d) Daniel Bland (April 30, 1834 - October 3, 1882) born in Illinois. Daniel married Mary Jane Capps (November 21, 1839 - May 19, 1866) on April 16, 1857. They are buried at the Hackleman Cemetery in Cedar County Missouri. Daniel and Mary Jane had four children. After Mary Jane's death, Daniel married Matilda Ellen Kirkpatrick on October 7, 1866. They had six children.

(e) George Washington Bland (July 21, 1843 - February 9, 1923) born in Missouri. George married Teresa Adeline Douglas (August 25, 1848 - October 30, 1895) about 1868. George and Tereas had a family of eleven children.

(2). Mary Bland (C1798 - ) married Isaac or James Bennett January 18, 1819.<sup>256</sup>

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<sup>254</sup> Though not a certainty of course, one clue to Rebecca's maiden name would be to refer below to John's sister Sarah who married John A. Raine, in a marriage that appears in most of the Kentucky marriage annals.

<sup>255</sup> AC 3-1, p. 28 Raine or Rene is in AC 4-2, p. 29. AC 5-2, p. 25-26. 1850 Census, Cedar County Missouri, Page 149, dwelling 329.

<sup>256</sup> AC 3-1, p. 27. I may have transposed this marriage which I earlier listed as January 19, 1818.

(3) Daniel Bland (C1803 - ) According to the 1850 Census, Daniel was born in Virginia. He was found in the 1850 Census of Cedar County Missouri, living near his brother John and like John, worth about \$1,000. The census records reflect a movement from Kentucky to Ohio, Illinois and Missouri, similar to John's. Daniel married Narcissa (perhaps Babb) (C1813 - ), who was born in Tennessee. They had the following children: <sup>257</sup>

- (a) Martha Bland (C1832 - ) Martha was born in Illinois.
- (b) Mary L. Bland, (C1835 - ) born in Illinois.
- (c) William Bland (C1837 - ) William was born in Illinois.
- (d) Elizabeth Bland (C1840 - ) Elizabeth was born in Missouri.
- (e) John M. Bland (C1843 - ) born in Missouri.
- (f) Frances Narcissa Bland (C1846 - ) born in Missouri.
- (g) Joseph Bland (C1849 - ) born in Missouri.
- (h) Leetha A. Bland (C1855 - ) born in Missouri.

(4). Nancy Bland (C1806 - ) who married Samuel Wilkinson in Nelson County December 31, 1823. <sup>258</sup>

(5). Susannah Bland (C1808 - ) married Lewis Berry Walker (C1797 - 1877 ) in Nelson County on March 8, 1825. <sup>259</sup>

(6). Lydia Bland (March 15, 1812 - January 31, 1869) married Leland Bland, (March 13, 1812 - June 7, 1850) on October 24, 1831 in Nelson County. <sup>260</sup>

(7). William (C1813 - 1870) William married Susan \_\_\_\_\_  
William and Susan Had the following children: <sup>261</sup>

- (a) Hester A. Bland (C1836 - )
- (b) Nancy E. Bland (C1839 - )
- (c) Elizabeth Bland (C1841 - )

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<sup>257</sup> AC 5-2, p. 26. 1850 Census, Page 149, dwelling 330, next door to John Bland. Living in the same household was Andrew and Eliza Babb, ages 18 and 17, with a six month old baby.

<sup>258</sup> VU. p. 460

<sup>259</sup> VU, p. 460. AC 8-1, p. 30.

<sup>260</sup> VU, p. 460. See above, family of Thomas Morton Bland and Anne Lawrence. AC 11-2, pp. 32-33.

<sup>261</sup> AC 3-1, p. 28. A woman named Hester Cleaver was living with William in 1850.



(d) John Miles Duvall Bland (July 9, 1845 - May 12, 1904). John was born in Hardin County Kentucky. He moved to Missouri and on December 9, 1877, married Rebecca Melissa Oliver. John and Rebecca moved to Kansas City about 1881 and in 1885 moved to Oregon. <sup>262</sup>

- (e) Mary A.E. Bland (C1847 - )
- (f) Phebe Bland (C1849 - )
- (g) Catherine Bland (C1855 - )

(8). Mildred Bland (C1814 - ) married Hayden Yates on February 9, 1831. <sup>263</sup>

(9) Elijah Holderman Bland (December 15, 1814 - March 16, 1898), At age 23, Elijah went to Louisville but returned to Hardin County where he served as sheriff for many years. He married Corrilla Willet (September 22, 1822 - still living March 27, 1906) on October 29, 1841. Elijah and Cornelia had seven children: <sup>264</sup>

- (a) William Monterey Bland (C1844 - )
- (b) George Griffith Bland (C1848 - 1870)
- (c) Rhoda Belle Bland, (1852-1929) who married C.W.

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(d) Annie Corrilla Bland, (1854-1930) who married Van Buren Stiles.

(e) Stiles Preston Bland, (C1856 - ) who married Annie Frederick Farnsworth.

(f) Joseph Elijah Bland, (C1857 - ) a Louisville Physician, who was living in Larue County in 1896.

(g) Mattie Margaret Bland, (C1861 - ) married Joseph Farnsworth or Meredith.

(10). Katherine Bland (C1816 - ) married William Mount on January 14, 1833 in Hardin County.

(11). Augustian Bland (C1817 - ) married Thomas Osborne Bland, a cousin, (son of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes) on February 8, 1834, in Hardin County (Page 72, (6)). <sup>265</sup>

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<sup>262</sup> John's family is articulated in AC 7-2, p. 22.

<sup>263</sup> VU, p. 460.

<sup>264</sup> CF VU p. 460-461. Elijah and Corilla are enumerated in the 1850 Census for Jefferson County Kentucky, page 401, dwelling 236. AC 4-2, pp. 29-30, contains recollections of Corrilla Willet Bland about her family and other relatives.

<sup>265</sup> VU., p. 460. Also see family of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes, above.

(12). Mahalia Bland, (C1817 - 1840) who married John A. Raine in Hardin County on December 15, 1834. <sup>266</sup>

(13). Emily Bland (c1820 - ) married John Upton in Hardin County January 23, 1837.

(14). Sarah A. Bland (C1824 - ) married John A. Raine, who married Sarah's sister Mahalia, on August 28, 1841. <sup>267</sup>

(15) There is a Vardamin Bland (September 20, 1828 - March 17, 1888) buried at the Otter Creekj Baptist Church in Hardin County with his wife Martha Lewis (July 23, 1833 - January 2, 1919). <sup>268</sup>

(16) Elizabeth Bland identified by Corrilla Willett, married a Mr. Harrell. <sup>269</sup>

(17) Ward Bland, this son was confirmed by Corrilla Willet and nothing more is known of him. <sup>270</sup>

(18) Thomas Bland, this son was confirmed by Corrilla Willet but nothing more is known of him.

J. Frances Bland (C1770 - ) Frances married John Hughes in Nelson County Kentucky on October 3, 1787. One source indicates that Frances died young. (was she in the 1812 claim, if not she died before age 42)

L. Mary "Molly" Bland (C1774 - 1822) Mary married John Randolph ( - 1816) in Nelson County Kentucky on January 4, 1791. John and Mary lived in a part of Washington County that has been carved from Nelson in 1792 and later they moved to Muhlenburg County Kentucky. They were named in the family's suit of Cuthbert Harrison in

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<sup>266</sup> VU p. 460

<sup>267</sup> VU, p. 460.

<sup>268</sup> AC 3-1, p. 30. Vardamin is found in the 1850 Census for Marion County, Page 346, dwelling 264. I can find nothing other than geographic proximity to place Vardamin in the William Bland-Sarah Peake brood. I would be glad to hear from anyone with more precise information about Vardamin.

<sup>269</sup> AC 4-2, p. 30.

<sup>270</sup> AC 4-2, p. 30.

November 1812, but moved to White County Illinois the same year and lived out their life there. They had eight children: <sup>271</sup>

(1) Catherine "Katy" Randolph, (1792 to 1796 - died before 1812).

(2) Elijah Randolph, (January 27, 1797 - November 17, 1848) who married Rebecca Eliot on April 6, 1818. <sup>272</sup>

(3) Prudence Bland Randolph, (1798-1859) who married William Cross in Gallatin Illinois.

(4) Isaac Randolph (1800-1834), who married Nancy Hughes in 1833.

(5) John Randolph (1802 - )

(6) Bradford Randolph (1805 - 1850/1853) who married Sylvia Bozeman.

(7) Lucinda Randolph, (1808 - )

(8) Thomas Randolph (1814 - ) who married Mary pace in 1837.

John Bland, in his 1795 will, gave a bequest to Nancy Bland, who later married Robert Webb in Nelson County Kentucky on March 30, 1807. Nancy was the daughter of Henry Bland, mentioned also in John's will. It was first assumed that this Henry was John's son, but later, I concluded that Henry was John's nephew and the son of John's brother Thomas Bland (C1719-1788). <sup>273</sup>

### Kentucky Missing Links

Just to give the rather spartan interpretation of Richard Smith its due, I will separate cleanly four Bland from the family of either John Bland (1742-1807) or John Bland (1725-1795) but enter appropriate commentary for them, and invite active researchers to show how my hypotheses can either be confirmed or denied. Either is ok with me as long as we make some progress.

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<sup>271</sup> VU, pp. 431-432, and AC 1-2, p. 13; AC 2-1, p. 13.

<sup>272</sup> CF note about Elijah's daughter Mary in AC 2-1, p. 13.

<sup>273</sup> VU, pp. 367-375 and 455. See P. 67 G, N. 235 above for the theory that Nancy was the daughter of Mildred Bland who married William Hughes.

1. Who was Jemima Bland, who married S.A. Beauchamp, October 1, 1853?
2. Who was John Bland who married Hannah Lewellen, in Nelson County November 13, 1795. Nobody seems ever to have answered this question. Ok, if he got married in 1795, the poor man would have been born no later than about 1774, which means that if he descends from John Bland and Margaret Osborne, he would have had to be a son of one of the older Blands, all of whom have sons named John. One working theory might be that he is John Bland (C1770-1842, See page 43 above) my proposed son of Osborne and Letitia Bland (hows that for piling theory upon theory?). Hannah would have been his first wife, before Sarah Lee. But that doesn't work well because evidently John was in the Shenandoah Virginia area when he met Sarah Lee and married her. Admittedly, he could have gone to Kentucky as a child, returned to Virginia for a time and then returned to Kentucky (see a comparative case with William Bland, 1765-1850, above p 72.  
Second theory: Has it ever seemed strange that John Bland, (1742-1807), who was supposedly the son of John Bland (C1688-1762), never named a son John? Whaddaya say?
3. Who was John P. Bland who married Elizabeth Clark on October 2, 1820? <sup>274</sup>
3. Who was Nancy Bland who married James Sheehan in Washington County November 26, 1828? <sup>275</sup>
4. Who was Nancy Bland (January 6, 1825 - August 30, 1864), buried at the Bloomfield Baptist Church Cemetery in Nelson County Kentucky? <sup>276</sup>
5. Who was Nancy Bland or Nancy Bland Ewen who married John Rennels in Madison County Ky on July 25, 1805?

#### Freedman Jacob Bland

The 1789 Nelson County Kentucky Titheable list finds John Bland (1725-1795) and John Bland Jr. (1752-1836) living near African American slaves Jacob, Nan and Lucy. John Bland's estate inventory of December 28, 1795, named nine slaves valued at 485 pounds. They were Jacob, Henry, Lucy, Fanny, Thomas, Simon, Anny, Nan, and an unnamed child. A marginal note by Jessamine Bland James in Bland Family Court and Bible Records, p. 50, shows that

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<sup>274</sup> Bland-Menaugh, Washington County Marriage Book 1, p. 193,

<sup>275</sup> Maguire, p. 8

<sup>276</sup> Nelson County Cemeteries Vol 1, p. 164.



Jacob was manumitted by the heirs of John Bland and that he bought the freedom of his two daughters Ary and Fanny. <sup>277</sup>

Jacob Bland died intestate September, 1833. He had a wife named Polly who died before him. Jacob left about 50 acres of land along Simpson Creek.

Jacob was survived by children Austin Bland, John Bland, George Bland, Matilda Bland, Fanny Bland who married Edmund Duncan on November 3, 1832, Ary (maybe Anny or Aincy) Bland, who married David Cousins on January 18, 1826, Benjamin Bland and America Bland. (Nelson County Pioneer, Vol III No 2, Fall 1979), p. 35. Nelson County Circuit Court Record, March 10, 1834 records a sale of Jacob's land by his survivors in order to pay Jacob's debts. What happened in this sale? There is a potential that the children could be reenslaved.

The 1870 Census for Nelson County Page 102, Dwelling 52, finds Jacob Bland (1828- ) with Rachel Bland (1830 ) and children Tyler (1849- ) Jane (1855- ) Lizzie (1861 - ) and Wilson (1866 - ). <sup>278</sup> No indication who Jacob's parents were.

**THE FAMILY OF THOMAS BLAND OF PENDLETON COUNTY VIRGINIA  
(1740-1826)**

Errata I am happy to comply with a request for correction of errors made in our revisitiation of this family (AC 12-1, pp 7-54). <sup>279</sup>

Page 11. John Cunningham married Frances Bland, not Margaret (see p. 18).

Page 18. (11) Thomas B. Bland should be deleted.

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<sup>277</sup> William Willett to S.P. Pottinger, April 24, 1906, displays deeds of emancipation from Jacob to Benjamin Bland (Nelson County Deed Book 9, (1811) p. 199) and Austin Bland emancipation for Walter Bland (Nelson County Deed Book 27, (1849) p. 192.) Fanny Bland to George Bland and Walter Bland to George Bland, (Nelson County Deed Book 30 (nd) pp. 449-450. Daniel, William and John Bland as well as William and John Hughes and Thomas Randolph, agreed to give Jacob "his freedom for 120 pounds". Nelson County Pioneer Vol 6, p. 60, citing Nelson County Ky Deed Book Six, p. 365.

<sup>278</sup> In addition to notes in the narrative inter alia, see VU, p. 430, N. 1; AC 2-1, p. 13.

<sup>279</sup> Edith Lanning to Charles L. Bland, November 10, 1994.

- Page 27. (3d) Virginia Bland married Samuel Buoy of Saybrook Illinois.
- Page 27. Edith Lanning's mother is Ethel Hopkins Daugherty.
- Page 29. Note 50, line 3, Hemlick should be Helmick.
- Page 32. (d) John Bland (1853-1878) I suggested that he might be the same man who married a woman named Anna Howser March 19 or March 23, 1873. The reader is referred to AC 12-1, p. 18, discussion of Henry Cunningham, Note 24. There was a Josiah Bland, a Methodist minister in Alma, Ross County Ohio, (June 22, 1820 - September 8, 1898) who married Margaret Susan Coler (January 15, 1821 - March 6, 1899) on February 17, 1842 in Hardy County West Virginia.<sup>280</sup> Josiah and Margaret had the following children:
1. George Washington Bland (January 26, 1843 - December 20, 1864) died as a Civil War Soldier.
  2. Hiram Bland (June 30, 1844 - February 25, 1864) was killed at Dalton Georgia in the Civil War.
  3. Mary Ann Bland (April 21, 1846 - ) married James W. Gibson on January 31, 1867. They had 6 children.
  4. Sarah Catherine Bland (January 23, 1848 - March 12, 1890), married Charles Streitenberger July 30, 1878 in Ross County. They are buried at Gibson Cemetery. Guernsey County Ohio. They had five children.
  - \*5. John Adams Bland (August 12, 1849 - ) married Anna Howser March 23, 1872.
  6. David Bland (May 12, 1851 - January 19, 1931) married (1) Mary Kline (C1840 - 1879) on March 15, 1871/1872; (2) Dora Alice Morris. David had twelve children.
  7. Margaret Susan Bland (October 24, 1853 - ) married Adam Steitenberger on January 16, 1873. They had nine children.
  8. Julia Ann Bland (October 12, 1855 - March 3, 1859).
  9. Thomas Thompson Bland (February 12, 1858 - ) married Nancy Jane Howser on March 9, 1887. They had five children.
  10. Rebecca Jane Bland (October 16, 1859 - 1940) married Adam Streitenberger (1854-1903) on January 4, 1877. They had five children.

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<sup>280</sup> Letters, Robert M. Bland, Merritt Island Florida to Ruby Swadley, August 29, 1994, to Edith C. Lanning, November 1, 1994 and Edith Lanning's analysis of Mr. Bland's work. Edith indicates that there was a marriage between John Bland and Catherine Wagner in Ross County on August 1, 1821, and speculates that they may be parents of Josiah Bland. Also, Mary Bland, who married John Painter August 27, 1818 may be Josiah's aunt.

11. Miles Rayner Bland (October 12, 1864 - 1931) married Anna Yarrington on May 5, 1887. They had four children.

How Josiah Bland fits into the Pendleton County family, if he does, is still problematic.

A new correspondent, Ann Wenzel of Elkhart Indiana descends from Mary Ann Bland Pecher (1822-1904) who married John Pecher. Mary Ann was the daughter of John Bland (1791-1864 and Nancy Bland (1792-1853), who was a son of Henry Bland (1770-1853) and Margaret Weirich (AC 12-1, pp. 19-23). Welcome, cousin Ann. <sup>281</sup>

Page 34. (6) "Chise" formal name is Melchiza. On the third line, the Month of Sarah Elizabeth Long's death should be May.

Page 37. Note 69, the Deed Book was from Pendleton County West Virginia.

Page 37. (1) It was Henry James Bland (1822-1905) son of Henry Bland, who split the West Virginia scene and went to California, not James Bland, son of George Washington Bland.

Page 42. A. is spelled Tobias.  
6. A. Jane Bland married Jesse Waybright.

Page 44 (7) Laura Burns married Seymour Bland.  
(8) Should be Seymour Bland.

Wow. 13 mistakes for 47 pages of work. Pretty good Charlie boy!

#### THE BLANDS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

Noah Bland A new member of the circle of cousins, Anne Marie Coady of Mason Michigan, has sent further information that sharpens our knowledge of Noah Bland, third son of John and Mary Bland, who were cousins and children of William Bland (C1751-1801) and Benjamin Bland (C1768 - ), who were in turn sons of Moses Bland (C1718-1800) and Jane Wiggonton. <sup>282</sup>

Noah Bland, (January 28, 1814 - February 14, 1897) a farmer, was born in Indiana, and died at Sharpville, Tipton County Indiana.

<sup>281</sup> Ann submitted an excellent set of obituaries for Mary Ann.

<sup>282</sup> Anne Coady to Charles Bland, January 26-27, July 27, and November 29, 1995. This family was previously revisited in AC 10-1, pp. 16-39, esp. pp. 32-33 and 10-2, pp. 9-26, esp. 25-26.

He sold his land in Jennings County Indiana in 1840 and moved to Ripley County. He married two women, (1) Susannah Hand, (1820-1866) on September 7, 1837 in Shelby, Ripley County Indiana and (2) Elizabeth Marshall Franklin (March 28, 1830 - April 11, 1919) on April 2, 1868. Elizabeth was born in Greenbrier County Virginia/West Virginia. <sup>283</sup> Children of Noah Bland and Susannah Hand were: <sup>284</sup>

1. Calvin L. Bland (April 24, 1839 - June 18, 1860).
2. Nancy Ellen Bland, (June 1, 1841 - January 29, 1904) who married Joseph H. Robinson on September 6, 1856.
3. John C. Bland, (August 3, 1843 - November 9, 1861) John was killed in the Civil War while serving with the Union.
4. Mary Ann Bland (April 11, 1849 - September 4, 1857).
5. James Bland (C1858 - ) Anne Coady listed this son who did not appear previously. It is possible that he is the son of Uriah Bland and Sarah Holton, who lived near Noah and Susannah at least at the time of the 1850 Census. (Note 287, above).

Children of Noah Bland and Elizabeth Marshall Franklin were:

6. Frances Eleanor Bland (February 21, 1869 - June 2, 1961). Frances married Lewis Austin Kirtley (1865-1954) on March 5, 1891. This is the line of descent of the late Hazel Kirtley (pp. above). They had four children.
7. Olive Elizabeth Bland (August 29, 1871 - August 7, 1950) who married Thomas Broyles (1872 - 1929) in 1896. They had six children. <sup>285</sup>

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<sup>283</sup> Marriage license of Noah Bland and Elizabeth Franklin and Death Certificate of Elizabeth Franklin Bland. Elizabeth's age at death is given as 89, courtesy Anne Coady. Ann points out that Elizabeth's brother William Franklin, married Margaret Needham, a daughter of Silas Needham, who was a son of Nancy Bland and Bailey Needham (AC 10-1, p. 36). Anne states that the Franklins, Needhams, Spauldings, Grishaws and Blands were all interrelated.

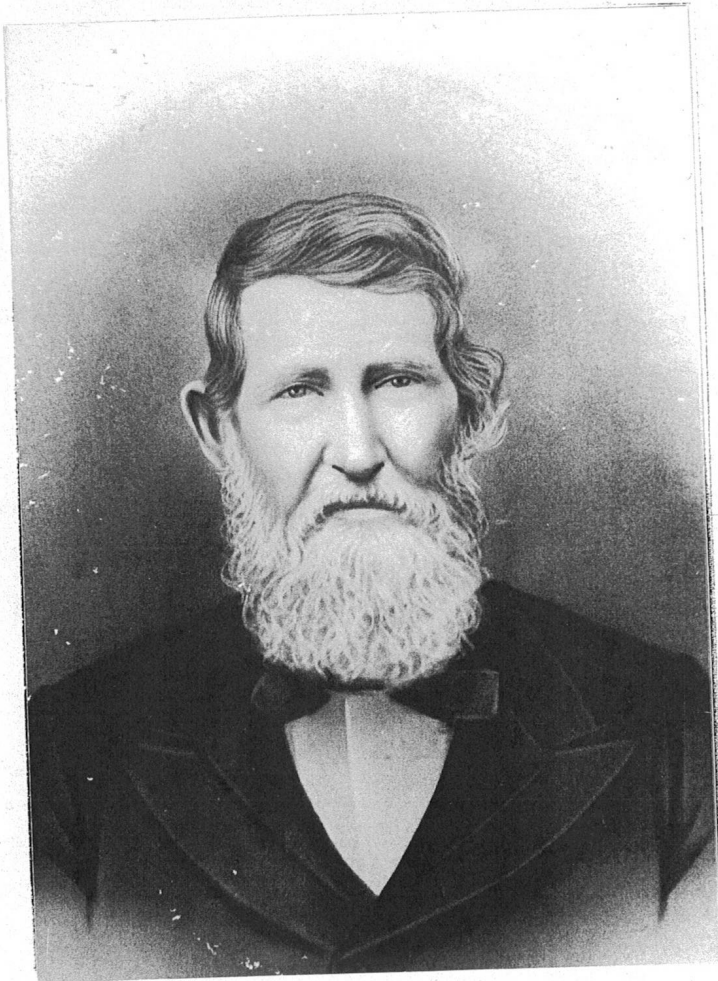
<sup>284</sup> Noah Bland and Susannah Hand appear in the 1850 Census for Ripley County Indiana, page 344, along with children Calvin, Nancy, John and Mary Ann, noted above. On the same page is Uriah Bland (C1826 - before 1912) and Sarah A. Holton, with children Sarah E. (C1847 - ) and Francis H. (C1849 - ). This alters information about Uriah that appears on AC 10-1, p. 34, which shows him with a son James.

<sup>285</sup> Anne Marie Coady descends through this line. William Broyles and Olive Bland had six children, including a daughter Cordova, who married Lawrence James Jansen on January 19, 1939 and they are the parents of Anne Marie Jansen Coady.



8. Lucy C. Bland (January 28, 1873 - August 8, 1963) who married Oliver P. Nash (1867 - ) on September 22, 1893. Lucy died at Chico California. They had three children.

I am pleased to display below photos of Noah Bland and Elizabeth Marshall Franklin, courtesy of Anne Marie Coady, who must have though she would never see them in the Newsletter, or even the newsletter. I also must say I regret that Hazel Kirtley did not live to see these photos.



Noah Bland (1814-1897) and Elizabeth Marshall Franklin (1830-1919)

George Washington Bland I am happy to correct information previously provided by Jeane Bland Hardison of Weatherford Texas, who has done considerable research on George Washington Bland (C1833 - October 4, 1888), a son of Abel Bland and Ann James. Abel was a son of William Bland, (1751-1801), who was a son of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton (AC 10-1, pp. 28-31, and AC 12-2, pp. 31-32). George served in the Confederacy, as a corporal in Company 1, King's regiment, Arkansas Infantry, from March 1, 1862 to May 16 or 17, 1863. He was captured on the Big Black Ridge near Vicksburg Mississippi. On May 25, 1863, George was sent to Memphis Tennessee and from there to Delaware, City Point Virginia, and Lookout Maryland. On January 25, 1864, George joined the Union Army. He was discharged November 27, 1865 at Fort Leavenworth Kansas. George returned home to Arkansas sometime in late 1865 or early 1866 and took his family to Texas. George died in Milam County Texas. He married first, Eliza Ann Glover (C1832- 1876) a daughter of George's step-mother Elizabeth Glover.<sup>286</sup> George and Eliza had five children:

1. Martha Bland (C1855 - )
2. Mary Ann Bland (C1857 - )
3. George Washington Bland (C1861 - December 11, 1925)
4. Caroline Bland (1868 - )
5. Viola Bland (1873 - )

George married Martha Serena Frazier (C1839 - September 5, 1903) on May 17, 1877. When George died, Martha filed a widow's pension but she ran afoul of the US constitution and her petition was rejected because George had volunteered as a Confederate. The pension was reinstated three years after Martha's death. Martha died of malaria and heart failure. Martha is buried at Wharton County Texas. George and Martha had three children:

6. James Preston Bland (September 12, 1877 - March 21, 1939)
7. Hattie Ethel Bland (C1879 - October 30, 1903). Hattie never married.

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<sup>286</sup> Jeane Bland Hardison to Charles L. Bland, November 13, 1994. In AC 10-1, pp. 30-31, I listed nine children for Abel Bland and Ann James, including five sons and four daughters. I mistakenly said that Abel had nine sons in AC 12-2, p. 31. Sorry about that. Jeane says she has found information that Sarah Bland McFarland Reid was a fighter who sued Texas and won after refusing headright land.

8. Charlie Newton Bland (October 9, 1881 - January 11, 1955). Charlie married Laura Dean Cook (1890-1980) in Milam County Texas on August 19, 1906. Charlie and Laura had nine children.<sup>287</sup>

#### THE BLANDS OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

##### Sampson Bland

William Lewis, Pittsburg Pennsylvania, wrote me to add some detail to my attempt at reconciliation of a long standing puzzle about this line (AC 3-1, pp. 37-38, 11-2, pp. 10-11 and 12-2, pp. 36-38). Specifically, based on wonderful information that Bland Goodwin of Augusta Georgia supplied, I was able to work out an hypothesis that Sampson was the father of Francis P. Bland (C1837 - ).<sup>288</sup> Sampson Bland (C1804 - April 11, 1864) married Adalaide Elliott (C1818 - June 1879), about 1834. Sampson Bland was buried at the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Richmond County Georgia. Among their children, new information provided is:

1. Mary Bland (C1835 - January 31, 1856) died unmarried.
2. Francis Bland, (C1837 - ) married Mary McGowan (not McGovern, according to Mr. Lewis).
3. Mary Elizabeth Augustus Jones Bland (January 27, 1840 - May 1907) married Killingsworth McGowan (May 16, 1837 - June 1906) about 1865. Mary and Killingsworth are buried at the Oakwood Cemetery in Spartanburg S.C. They had seven children.<sup>289</sup>
4. Eliza Redfield Bland (C1843 - September 3, 1925)
5. James Christie Bland (C1845 - July 15, 1896) married Sorphonia (Mr. Lewis' spelling) "Fran" Watson (C1858-1893).
6. Emily "Dollie" Phillips (C1847 - ) married Ed Phillips.
7. Luke Bland (C1850 - August 30, 1857)

I am sincerely indebted to William Lewis, who was able to confirm my hypothesis and help us to advance and develop the history of the this branch of the Bland Family.

Peyton Bland I am happy to have additional information from Jane Earle Bland Turner of Port Neches Texas about the descendants of Peyton Bland ( September 15, 1872 September 17, 1873) the second

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<sup>287</sup> Their children included David Holland "Doc" Bland, (1923 - ) who was the father of Jeanne Bland Hardison.

<sup>288</sup> William F. Lewis to Charles L. Bland, October 19, 1995, including family group sheets. Mr. Lewis indicates that Sampson was 59 when he died. Adalaide was 61 when she died in June 1879.

<sup>289</sup> This is the line of descent for William Lewis, who descends from Mary and Killingsworth's son Clarence Christie McGowan (1881-1949).

son of Peyton Bland (1780-1815) and Elizabeth Smith (C1794-1856). Peyton married Susannah Harmon (November 2, 1822 - August 15, 1892) and they had thirteen children. Their twelfth child was Elzy Harmon Bland (May 25, 1863 - June 8, 1838).<sup>290</sup> Elzy was born and died in Orange County Texas. He married the widow Martha Hare Wilkerson (December 3, 1865 - November 4, 1941) on April 12, 1883. Elzy and Martha are buried at the Dorman Cemetery in Orange County. Elzy and Martha had a family of ten children, plus Maggie Wilkinson (1882-1950), who was Martha Wilkerson's (different spelling by Mrs. Turner) daughter by a previous marriage.<sup>291</sup>

#### COUSINS IN SEARCH

Mary Ella Bland Eric Walters, 16 Mayflower Road, Vernon Hills Illinois, 60061, Phone 847/578-8613 or 847/918-9066, is searching for the parents of Mary Ella Bland, (C1872-1910) (variants, Ella, Mary Martha Ellen, Martha E.) who was born in Franklin, Ross County Ohio. Mary married William O. Riley (1868-1949) on January 15, 1892 and may have died before 1910. A family story has it that Eric's grandfather David Oscar Riley, who was Mary's oldest child, dropped out of school to care for the younger children.

Morris Brewer Bland This family previously was covered for two generations (AC 5-2, p. 34). I received a letter from Jerrel G. Bland, 23731 Landers Road, SW, Vashon Island Washington 98070, Phone 206-463-2811. Jerrel is seeking contact with anyone who has further information about the family:

Morris Brewer Bland (December 12, 1829 - ) was thought to have migrated to the US from England, but Jerrel Bland puts his father in North Carolina. Morris lived in Tennessee. He married Jane Haner, (July 22, 1836 - July 4, 1923) on September 8, 1852.

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<sup>290</sup> This information comes from Jane Earle Turner to Charles L. Bland, September 27, 1995, November 10, 1995 and undated. The date of death given for Elzy Harmon revises previous attempts of my own, (AC 1-1, p. 12 and 6-1, p. 29. Elzy is an interesting given name, since my great grandfather was named Berry Elzey Bland. Previous researcher's claimed that he descended from Wormeley Bland (C1769-1800) who was the brother of Payton Bland. Wormeley married a Sarah Turner, who mother's maiden name was Ellzey. When I made a research trip to Edgefield South Carolina in fall of 1987, I met a disabled fellow who spent the entire week helping me at the court house with my research. His name was Ellzey Turner.

<sup>291</sup> Jane Earle Turner descends through Elzy and Martha's son Jasper Monroe (1890-1951), who was Jane Earle's father. Jasper married Alta Leona Smith on March 3, 1920.



Jane was born in Tennessee. They had the following children: <sup>292</sup>

1. Sarah Elizabeth Bland (June 16, 1853 - ) may be Morris' daughter by a previous marriage.
2. Verginia Ann Bland (November 24, 1854 - June 10, 1880).
3. Robert Brewere Bland (C1855/1857 - September 1873).
4. James B. Bland (1857-1858).
5. Arthur Brewer Bland (March 24, 1859 - died in the 1930s).
6. Robert Riley Bland (1861-1862).
7. John Retherford Grant Bland (August 13, 1863 - February 10, 1947), married Della Margaret Warmack (January 2, 1869 - July 4, 1952) on February 13, 1887 at Big Sandy Tennessee. They had fourteen children. <sup>293</sup>
8. William Skyler Bland (December 3, 1868 - ). William married Martha Ann \_\_\_\_\_ and had two children.
9. George Thomas Bland (October 8, 1872 - )
10. Mary Evoline Bland (October 17, 1874 - ).

Rachel Bland Joy Robertson, 9909 North 16th Street, Enid Oklahoma, Phone 405/ 234-1880, is searching for further information about Rachel Bland (1811-1873) who married Johnson Teter on December 31, 1829 in Pendleton County Virginia/West Virginia. This family was discussed in AC 12-1, pp. 50-51. Joy would like further information. Inasmuch as Johnson and Rachel had 17 children, there ought to be a fair number of descendants out there.

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<sup>292</sup> Jerrel G. Bland to Charles L. Bland, November 15, 1995. Previous information about the family indicated that it came from a Bible Record written by James Retherford Bland in Cabod Arkansas in 1905. The marriage date given in the Bible Record was August 1, 1852.

<sup>293</sup> Jerrel Bland spells John's middle name Rutherford alternately. Jerrel is the son of Tommie Bland and Ophelia Selvidge and Tommie was the son of John R.G. Bland and Della Margaret Womack. Della Margaret's name alternately is spelled Womack.



John Bland: Ruby Blann, Lawrence Kansas, wrote me back on October 13, 1985 about the following family:

Franklin County Tennessee, 1860 Census:

John Bland	84	Born NC (Born 1776)
Anna L. Bland	84	Born NC (Born 1776)
John L. Bland	46	Born Tenn
John W. Bland	16	Born NC
William Bland	64	Born NC
Jackson Bland	18	Born NC
Adaline Bland	16	Born NC
Thomas Bland	13	Born Tenn
Zachariah Bland	12	Born Tenn

As Butch Cassidy said "Who are those guys?"

Errata In AC 12-2, p. 36, I attributed a photo of Roy Owen Bland to Jack Bland who is from Palo Alto California. I confused him somehow with Paul Hamrick of Sheffield Village Ohio. My sincere apologies guys, both of you are great cousins. I also made a promise to analyze in this newsletter an extensive history of the family of Enoch Bland (1833-1920) that Jack sent to me. I must beg off that in view of the enormous size of the Kentucky coverage. In the interim, those interested in the line of Enoch Bland should refer to AC 11-1, pp. 25-27 and AC 11-2, pp. 7-8.

Finally, my apologies to Carrie Evans of Shuqulak Mississippi, that because of my focus on the Kentucky families, I did not get to your excellent analysis of the Dallas County Alabama Family, which will be reviewed in the next issue.

Similar apologies to Virgil Bland, Phoenix Arizona, an energetic new subscriber who knows how to use the computer. I believe that his research into the family of Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson of Frederick County Virginia will greatly enhance what we already know about them.

### Conclusion

This gives me a great sense of accomplishment and renewal. Although I've never been gone in my heart, please welcome me back **Among the Bland Cousins**. God Bless you all.

Johnny, we love you and miss you and hope you are well.

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